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IDE User's Guide

For Windows®, Linux®, Solaris™, and QNX® Neutrino® hosts

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About This Guide

Typographical conventions

Throughout this manual, we use certain typographical conventions to distinguish technical terms. In general, the conventions we use conform to those found in IEEE POSIX publications. The following table summarizes our conventions:

Reference	Example
Code examples	`if( stream == NULL )`
Command options	`-lR`
Commands	`make`
Environment variables	**PATH**
File and pathnames	`/dev/null`
Function names	*exit()*
Keyboard chords	Ctrl – Alt – Delete
Keyboard input	`something you type`
Keyboard keys	Enter
Program output	`login:`
Programming constants	NULL
Programming data types	`unsigned short`
Programming literals	`0xFF`, `"message string"`
Variable names	*stdin*
User-interface components	**Cancel**

We format single-step instructions like this:

➤ To reload the current page, press Ctrl – R.

We use an arrow (→) in directions for accessing menu items, like this:

You'll find the **Other...** menu item under
Perspective→Show View.

We use notes, cautions, and warnings to highlight important
messages:

☞ | Notes point out something important or useful.

⚠ | **CAUTION:** Cautions tell you about commands or procedures that
may have unwanted or undesirable side effects.

⚡ | **WARNING: Warnings tell you about commands or procedures
that could be dangerous to your files, your hardware, or even
yourself.**

Note to Windows users

In our documentation, we use a forward slash (**/**) as a delimiter in *all*
pathnames, including those pointing to Windows files.

We also generally follow POSIX/UNIX filesystem conventions.

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Reference material

Tutorials	Common Wizards	Where Files Are Stored	Migrating to 6.3	Utilities Used by the IDE

The IDE User's Guide at a glance.

How to use this guide

This *User's Guide* describes the Integrated Development Environment (IDE), which is part of the QNX Momentics development suite. The guide introduces you to the IDE and shows you how to use it effectively to build your QNX Neutrino-based systems.

The workflow diagram above shows how the guide is structured and suggests how you might use the IDE. Once you understand the basic concepts, you're ready to begin the typical cycle of setting up your projects, writing code, debugging, testing, and finally fine-tuning your target system.

Each chapter begins with the workflow diagram, but with the chapter's bubble highlighted to show where you are in the book. Note that in the online version each bubble is a link.

⚠ **CAUTION:** This release of the IDE is based on Eclipse 3.0. If you have an older version of the IDE, see the Migrating from Earlier Releases appendix in this guide.

The following table may help you find information quickly:

To:	Go to:
Learn about the workspace, perspectives, views, and editors	IDE Concepts
Use the IDE's help system	IDE Concepts
Connect your host and target	Preparing Your Target
Import existing code into the IDE	Managing Source Code
Import a QNX BSP source package	Managing Source Code
Set execution options for your programs	Launch Configurations Reference
Check code into CVS	Managing Source Code
Run QNX Neutrino on your target	Building OS and Flash Images
Examine execution stats (e.g. call counts) in your programs	Profiling an Application

continued...

To:	Go to:
Exercise a test suite	Using Code Coverage
Find and fix a memory leak in a program	Finding Memory Errors
See process or thread states, memory allocation. etc.	Getting System Information
Examine your system's performance, kernel events, etc.	Analyzing Your System with Kernel Tracing
Look up a keyboard shortcut	IDE Concepts
Find the meaning of a special term used in the IDE	Glossary

Assumptions

This guide assumes the following:

- On your host you've already installed the QNX Momentics suite, which includes a complete QNX Neutrino development environment.

- You're familiar with the architecture of the QNX Neutrino RTOS.

- You can write code in C or C++.

Chapter 1

IDE Concepts

In this chapter…

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This chapter introduces key concepts used in the IDE.

What is an IDE?

Welcome to the Integrated Development Environment (IDE), a powerful set of tools in the QNX Momentics Professional Edition development suite. The IDE is based on the Eclipse Platform developed by Eclipse.org, an open consortium of tools vendors (including QNX Software Systems).

The IDE incorporates into the Eclipse framework several QNX-specific plugins designed for building projects for target systems running the QNX Neutrino RTOS. The tools suite provides a single, consistent, integrated environment, regardless of the host platform you're using (Windows, Linux, Solaris, or QNX Neutrino). Note that all plugins from any vendor work within the Eclipse framework in the same way.

An IDE for building embedded systems

The IDE provides a coherent, easy-to-use work environment for building your applications. If you've used an IDE before, then you already have a good idea of the convenience and power this kind of toolset can offer.

Through a set of related windows, the IDE presents various ways of viewing and working with all the pieces that comprise your system. In terms of the tasks you can perform, the toolset lets you:

- organize your resources (projects, folders, files)

- edit resources

- collaborate on projects with a team

- compile, run, and debug your programs

- build OS and Flash images for your embedded systems

- analyze and fine-tune your system's performance

☞ The IDE doesn't force you to abandon the standard QNX tools and **Makefile** structure. On the contrary, it relies on those tools. And even if you continue to build your programs at the command line, you can also benefit from the IDE's unique and powerful tools, such as the QNX System Analysis tool and the QNX System Profiler, which can literally *show* you, in dynamic, graphical ways, exactly what your system is up to.

Starting the IDE

After you install QNX Momentics, you'll see — depending on which host you're using — a desktop icon and/or a menu item labeled "Integrated Development Environment" in the start or launch menu. To start the IDE, simply click the icon or the menu item.

☞ On Solaris, you must start the IDE from the command-line:

```
$QNXHOST/usr/qde/eclipse/qde -vmargs -Xms256m -Xmx512m
```

☞ On Neutrino, don't start the IDE from the command line if you've used the **su** command to switch to a different user. It is unable to attach to your Photon session and fails to start.

Starting the IDE for the first time

The first time you start the IDE on Windows, the Workspace Launcher dialog asks you where to store your *workspace.* All of your IDE projects are stored in this directory.

Selecting a workspace directory.

By default, the IDE offers to put your workspace in your home directory (**$HOME/workspace** on Neutrino, Linux, and Solaris), or the path specified in the QNX Momentics IDE shortcut (**C:/QNX630/workspace**) on Windows. To store your workspace in another location:

➤ Click the **Browse...** button and select a directory for your workspace.

To continue loading the IDE, click the **OK** button.

☞ Check the **Use this as the default and do not ask again** box to always use this workspace when launching the IDE.

To change the default workspace location on QNX, Linux, and Solaris, launch **qde** with the **-data** *workspace path* option.

The IDE welcomes you

After you choose a workspace location, the IDE displays a welcome screen with several options that help to introduce you to the IDE:

The IDE's welcome screen.

The icons on the welcome screen are:

Icon	Description
	Takes you to the workbench screen and your workspace.
	Provides links to overviews of the IDE: the Documentation Roadmap, Team Support (an important topic if you use CVS), Workbench Basics, and C/C++ Online Docs.
	Provides links to the *Quickstart Guide — 10 Steps to Your First QNX Program*, and the C/C++ tutorials included with the C Development Toolkit (CDT).
	Provides links to documents describing new features: the new features in this release and information about migrating from a previous release.

You can return to this welcome screen at any time by choosing **Help→Welcome**.

Starting the IDE after an update

After you've updated one or more IDE components, such as the CDT or an Eclipse add-on, you might be prompted to process these updates the next time you launch the IDE:

The Configuration Changes dialog.

☞ This doesn't apply to the QNX Momentics 6.3.0 Service Pack 2 update, although it does apply to the 6.3.0 Service Pack 1 update.

To process IDE updates:

1 In the Configuration Changes dialog, click the + symbol to expand the list of updates.

2 If you see an update you don't want to apply to the IDE, clear its check box.

3 Click the **Finish** button.

The IDE processes its updates and then displays the Install/Update dialog.

The Install/Update dialog tells you to restart the IDE.

4 Click **Yes** to restart the IDE with all of the processed updates. Click **No** to continue using the IDE.

Starting the IDE from the command line

You can also start the IDE by running the **qde** command:

1 Go to the directory where the **qde.exe** executable (Windows) or the **qde** script (all other hosts) resides. For example, **C:/QNX630/host/win32/x86/usr/qde/eclipse**.

2 Run this command:
./qde

☞ Don't run the **eclipse** command, even thought it may seem to work. Always use **qde** instead, because it sets up the proper QNX-specific environment.

You can also direct the IDE at a particular *workspace* location. For details, see the section "Specifying a workspace location" in this chapter.

For more information on starting the IDE, including advanced execution options for developing or debugging parts of Eclipse itself, see **Tasks**→**Running Eclipse** in the *Workbench User Guide*.

Workbench

When you first run the IDE, you should see the *workbench*, which looks like this:

The first thing you see.

For details about the workbench's menu, see **Reference→User Interface Information→Workbench menus** in the *Workbench User Guide*. For a basic tutorial on using the workbench UI, see **Getting Started→Basic tutorial→The Workbench** in the *Workbench User Guide*.

Help system

The IDE contains its own help system, which is an HTML server that runs in its own window "above" the workbench (i.e. the help isn't a perspective or a view).

☞ On Linux, the IDE tries to start the Mozilla web browser to display the online help system. Red Hat Enterprise Linux 4 now ships with Firefox instead of Mozilla, so you'll have to change the help browser setting:

1 Open the Preferences dialog (**Window→Preferences...**).

2 In the left-hand panel, select the **Help** item.

3 Change the **Custom Browser command** to `firefox %1`.

4 Click **OK** to close the **Preferences** dialog and save your changes.

Opening the IDE Help

➤ From the main menu, select **Help→Help Contents**.

Navigating the Help

The left pane of the Help window is the *bookshelf*, which has links to the various documentation sets. Click one of the links to view a document. Note that you can return to the bookshelf at any time by clicking the **Table of Contents** button ( ).

The Contents pane includes at least the following titles:

Workbench User Guide

> Written by Eclipse.org, the book explains Eclipse concepts and core IDE functionality, and includes tutorials on using the workbench. Although some of the workbench topics are covered lightly here in this IDE *User's Guide*, you can find full documentation on using the workbench in the Eclipse *Workbench User Guide*.

QNX Momentics Professional Edition

> The QNX documentation set, which includes several titles:

- *A Roadmap to the QNX Momentics Professional Edition*
- Dinkum library documentation
- High Availability Toolkit
- *Getting Started with Neutrino 2*
- Integrated Development Environment (featuring this *User's Guide*)
- Phindows for QNX Neutrino
- Photon Multilingual Input
- Photon microGUI for QNX Neutrino
- Power Management
- QNX Neutrino RTOS 6.3 (featuring the *System Architecture Guide*, *User's Guide*, *Utilities Reference*, and *Library Reference*)
- System Analysis Toolkit
- Documentation for DDKs, and much, much more

☞   Some title pages have content on them, some don't. If you click a title, and the right side of the window remains blank, you've hit a "placeholder" title page. Simply expand the title entry to see its contents.

Help bookmarks

You can create a bookmark for any help page:

1 On the Help browser's toolbar, click the **Bookmark Document** button (![bookmark document icon]).

2 To see your bookmarks, click the **Bookmarks** (![bookmarks icon]) tab at the bottom of the contents pane.

To learn more about the IDE's Help system, follow these links in the Eclipse *Workbench User Guide*: **Concepts**→**Help system**.

Tips and tricks

When you select the **Tips and tricks** item from the **Help** menu, you'll see a list of tips and tricks pages. Select the page for the Eclipse platform, which covers several topics:

- workbench (fast views, opening an editor with drag-and-drop, navigation, global find/replace, etc.)

- help (help bookmarks, help working sets)

- CVS (CVS working sets, restoring deleted files, quick sync, etc.)

Perspectives

A *perspective* is a task-oriented arrangement of the workbench window.

For example, if you're debugging, you can use the preconfigured Debug perspective, which sets up the IDE to show all the tools related to debugging. If you wanted to work with the elements and tools related to profiling, you'd open the QNX Application Profiler perspective.

You can customize a perspective by adding or removing elements. For example, if you wanted to have certain profiling tools available whenever you're debugging, you could add those elements to the Debug perspective.

Perspectives generally consist of these components:

- toolbars

- views

- editors

Perspectives govern which *views* appear on your workbench. For example, when you're in the Debug perspective, the following main views are available (in the default configuration):

- Debug

- Breakpoints

- Variables

- Console

- Outline

- Tasks

Views and editors

Views

Views organize information in various convenient ways. For example, the Outline view shows you a list of all the function names when you're editing a C file in the C/C++ editor. The Outline view is dynamic; if you declare a function called *mynewfunc()*, the Outline view immediately lists it.

Views give you different presentations of your resources. For example, the Navigator view shows the resources (projects, folders, files) you're working on. Like individual panes in a large window, views let you see different aspects of your entire set of resources.

Views provide:

- insight into editor contents (e.g. Outline view)

- navigation (e.g. Navigator view)

- information (e.g. Tasks view)

- control (e.g. Debug view)

Editors

You use *editors* to browse or change the content of your files. Each editor in the IDE is designed for working with a specific type of file. The editor that you'll likely use the most is the C/C++ editor.

The *editor area* is a section of the workbench window reserved for editors. Note that views can be anywhere on the workbench except in the editor area.

The IDE lets you rearrange views and editors so they're beside each other (tiled) or stacked on top of each other (tabbed).

☞   If you wish to use a different text editor than the one that's built into the IDE, you can do so, but you'll lose the *integration* of the various views and perspectives. For example, within the IDE's text editor, you can set breakpoints and then see them in the Breakpoints view, or put "to-do" markers on particular lines and see them in the Tasks view, or get context-sensitive help as you pause your cursor over a function name in your code, and much, much more.

But if you want to use your own editor, we recommend that you:

1   Edit your files outside of the IDE.

2   Make sure that you save your files in the right place, e.g. on Windows:

     `C:/QNX630/workspace/`*project_name*

3   From within the IDE, use the **Refresh** command (right-click menu in the Navigator view or the C/C++ Projects view).

Projects and workspace

Projects are generic containers for your source code, **Makefile**s, and binaries. Before you do any work in the IDE, you must first create projects to store your work. One of the more common projects is a QNX C/C++ Project.

☞ Throughout this guide, we use the term "C/C++" as shorthand to cover both C and C++ projects. The titles of elements within the IDE itself are often explicit (e.g. "QNX C Project," "QNX C++ Project," etc.).

When you create a file within a project, the IDE also creates a record (local history) of every time you changed that file and how you changed it.

Your *workspace* is a folder where you keep your projects. For the exact location of your workspace folder on your particular host, see the appendix Where Files Are Stored in this guide.

Specifying a workspace location

You can redirect the IDE to point at different workspaces:

➤ From the directory where the **qde.exe** executable (Windows) or the **qde** script (all other hosts) resides, run this command:

./qde -data *path_to_workspace*

This command launches the IDE and specifies where you want the IDE to create (or look for) the **workspace** folder.

☞ Don't use spaces when naming a project or file — they can cause problems with some tools, such as the **make** utility.

Also, don't use case alone to distinguish files and projects. On Unix-style hosts (i.e. Solaris, Linux, QNX Neutrino), filenames are case-sensitive, but in Windows they're not. For example, **Hello.c** and **hello.c** would refer to the same file in Windows, but would be separate filenames in Unix-style systems.

How the IDE looks at projects

The IDE associates projects with *natures* that define the characteristics of a given project. For example, a Standard Make C Project has a "C nature," whereas a QNX C Project has has a C nature as well as a QNX C nature, and so on. Note that QNX C or C++ projects assume the QNX recursive **Makefile** hierarchy to support multiple target architectures; Standard Make C/C++ projects don't.

☞ For more on the QNX recursive **Makefile** hierarchy, see the Conventions for Makefiles and Directories appendix in the *Neutrino Programmer's Guide*.

The natures tell the IDE what can and can't be done with each project. The IDE also uses the natures to filter out projects that would be irrelevant in certain contexts (e.g. a list of QNX System Builder projects won't contain any C++ library projects).

Here are the most common projects and their associated natures:

Project	Associated natures
Simple Project	n/a
Standard Make C Project	C
Standard Make C++ Project	C, C++

continued...

Project	Associated natures
QNX C Project	C, QNX C
QNX C Library Project	C, QNX C
QNX C++ Project	C, C++, QNX C
QNX C++ Library Project	C, C++, QNX C
QNX System Builder Project	QNX System Builder

The IDE saves these natures and other information in **`.project`** and **`.cdtproject`** files in each project. To ensure that these natures persist in CVS, include these files when you commit your project.

☞ The IDE doesn't directly support nested projects; each project must be organized as a discrete entity. However, the IDE does support project dependencies by allowing a project to reference other projects that reside in your workspace. Container projects also let you logically nest projects by collecting several projects together.

Host and target machines

The *host* is the machine where the IDE resides (e.g. Windows). The *target* is the machine where QNX Neutrino and your program actually run.

Target agent (the `qconn` daemon)

The `qconn` daemon is the target agent written specifically to support the IDE. It facilitates communication between the host and target machines.

If you're running the IDE on a QNX Neutrino PC (self-hosted), your target machine may also be the host machine. In this case, you must still run `qconn`, even though your host machine is "connecting to itself."

For more information about connection methods, see the Launch Configurations Reference chapter in this guide.

Launcher

Before you can run a program, you must tell the IDE's launcher what program to run, what target to run it on, what arguments to pass to the program, and so on.

If you want to run the program on another target or run with different options (e.g. with profiling enabled), you must create a new *launch configuration* or copy a previous one and modify it.

Resources

Resources is a collective term for your projects, folders, and files.

Wizards

Wizards guide you through a sequence of tasks. For example, to create a QNX C Project, you run a wizard that takes you through all the steps and gathers all the necessary information before creating the project. For more information, see the Common Wizards Reference chapter in this guide.

Keyboard shortcuts

You'll find many keyboard shortcuts for various UI tasks throughout the IDE. You can easily create your own shortcuts. For instructions, follow these links in the *Workbench User Guide*:

Reference→Preferences→Keys

☞   Some existing shortcuts and some commands that can be assigned to
shortcuts apply only to Java code and projects. For example, the
"Search for Declaration in Workspace" command, which is bound to
Ctrl – G works only with Java code.

Preferences

The Preferences dialog (under the Window menu) lets you customize
the behavior of your environment — when to build your projects, how
to open new perspectives, which target processors to build for, etc.

☞   Besides global preferences, you can also set preferences on a
per-project basis via the **Properties** item in right-click menus.

Version coexistence

The QNX Momentics 6.3.0 development suite lets you install and work with multiple versions of Neutrino (from 6.2.1 and later) — you can choose which version of the OS to build programs for.

When you install QNX Momentics, you get a set of configuration files that indicate where you've installed the software. The **QNX_CONFIGURATION** environment variable stores the location of the configuration files for the installed versions of Neutrino; on a self-hosted Neutrino machine, the default is `/etc/qnx`.

QWinCfg for Windows hosts

On Windows hosts, you'll find a configuration program (`QWinCfg`) for switching between versions of QNX Momentics.

You launch `QWinCfg` via the start menu (e.g. **All Programs**→**QNX Momentics 6.3.0**→**Configuration**).

For details on using `QWinCfg`, see its entry in the *Utilities Reference*.

`qconfig` utility for non-Windows hosts

The `qconfig` utility lets you configure your machine to use a specific version of Neutrino:

- If you run it without any options, `qconfig` lists the versions that are installed on your machine.

- If you specify the `-e` option, you can set up the environment for building software for a specific version of the OS. For example, if you're using the Korn shell (`ksh`), you can configure your machine like this:
  ```
  eval ‘qconfig -n "QNX 6.3.0 Install" -e‘
  ```

☞ In the above command, you must use the "back tick" character ('), *not* the single quote character (').

When you start the IDE, it uses your current **qconfig** choice as the default version of the OS; if you haven't chosen a version, the IDE chooses an entry from the directory identified by **QNX_CONFIGURATION**. If you want to override the IDE's choice, you can choose the appropriate build target.

Coexistence and PhAB

If you're going to create Photon applications for QNX 6.3.0 and 6.2.1 using PhAB, you need to use the *older* version of PhAB to create your application resources.

To ensure that you're always using the older version of PhAB to create your resources:

1 Choose **Window→Preferences** from the menu to display the Preferences dialog.

2 Expand the **QNX** item in the list, then choose **Appbuilder** to display the **Appbuilder** preferences:

3 Un-check the **Use default** check box.

4 Change the **Path to Photon Appbuilder** to
`C:/QNXsdk/host/win32/x86/usr/bin/appbuilder.bat`.

5 Click **OK** to save your changes and close the Preferences
dialog.

Specifying which OS version to build for

To specify which version of Neutrino you want the IDE to build for:

1 Open the Preferences dialog (**Window→Preferences**).

2 Select **QNX**.

3 Using the dropdown list in the **Select Install** field, choose the
OS version you want to build for.

4 Click **Apply**, then **OK**.

Environment variables

Neutrino uses these environment variables to locate files on the *host* machine:

QNX_HOST The location of host-specific files.

QNX_TARGET

 The location of target backends on the host machine.

QNX_CONFIGURATION

 The location of the `qconfig` configuration files.

MAKEFLAGS The location of included `*.mk` files.

TMPDIR The directory to use for temporary files. The `gcc` compiler uses temporary files to hold the output of one stage of compilation used as input to the next stage: for example, the output of the preprocessor, which is the input to the compiler proper.

The `qconfig` utility sets these variables according to the version of QNX Momentics that you specified.

What's new in the IDE?

Each update to the Momentics IDE adds new abilities and features.

What's new in 6.3.0 SP1?

Here are some of the more interesting or significant changes made to the QNX Momentics IDE since the release of QNX Momentics 6.3.0:

- Improved documentation, including more extensive code importing procedures, etc.

- The System Builder perspective now supports projects with more than one build file, and the perspective's icons have been improved.

- The Application Profiler, System Builder, System Information, and System Profiler perspectives have been improved.

- The stability and usability of the self-hosted IDE have been improved.

- Support for Intel's C compiler (`icc`) has been added.

- The Code Coverage perspective now works with `gcc` 3.3.1 or later.

What's new in 6.3.0 SP2?

The following sections describe some of the more interesting or significant changes made to the QNX Momentics IDE since the release of QNX Momentics 6.3.0 SP1:

- General IDE

- C/C++ user interface

- C/C++ debug and launch

- C/C++ project configuration and build

- C/C++ editing and source navigation

- QNX Momentics tools

General IDE

The QNX Momentics 6.3.0 SP2 IDE sports many useful new features:

- New look and feel

- Responsive UI

- Editor management enhancements

- Themes

- Background workspace auto-refresh

- Regular expressions in Find/Replace dialog

- New text editor functions

- New editor functions

- Opening external files

New look and feel

The look and feel of the workbench has evolved. Here are some of the things you might notice:

- Title bars and tabs for views and editors look different.

- Title bars and tabs for views and editors let you maximize and restore.

- Views include a button for collapsing (minimizing).

- Perspective switching/opening toolbar support has changed:

  - it can be docked on the top right (default), top left or left, and

  - perspective buttons include text for quickly identifying the current perspective.

- The Fast View bar can be on the bottom (default), left or right.

- Fast View bar size is reduced when there are no fast views.

- Title bars and tabs have been merged to save space.

- Drag-and-drop has been improved (better feedback while dragging).

- Detached views are supported (Windows and Linux GTK only, due to platform limitations).

- Editor management has changed.

- The view-specific toolbars are now next to the view's tab to save space when possible.

- Different tab folder styles and uses of color have been employed to help indicate active and selected views and editors more clearly.

- Other minor items such as status bar style, border widths, shading, etc.

Responsive UI

A number of changes have occurred in the UI to support a higher level of responsiveness. This includes support for running jobs in the background instead of tying up the UI and making you wait.

The IDE now features a:

- Progress view

- status line entry showing what's running in the background

- dialog for showing operations that can be run in the background

The new Progress view showing the progress of a CVS checkout and a Workspace build background operation.

Many user operations can now be run in the background. When you see the progress dialog with the Run In Background button you can select it to get back to work.

This dialog also shows you the details of other currently running operations in the workspace and informs you when one operation is blocked waiting for another to complete.

Editor management enhancements

A number of changes and enhancements have gone into the editor management in the QNX Momentics IDE.

The IDE now provides:

- support for single and multiple editor tabs; single is especially useful for those who tend to have many files open or who like using the keyboard to navigate editors

- support for editor pinning. When limiting the number of editors that can be opened at once, some editors that should not be closed can be *pinned*, An indicator is displayed when an editor is pinned.

- chevrons to handle the overflow of editors with an extra indication of how many more editors are open then there are tabs on the screen.

- new menu options, keyboard shortcuts and key bindings for editor management:

    - Close Others — close all editors but the current.
    - Close All — menu option available.
    - Ctrl+E — dropdown list of editors supports type ahead.

Themes

The QNX Momentics IDE now contains basic support for themes. This currently goes as far as allowing customization of colors and fonts used in the workbench.

Background workspace auto-refresh

Changes made in the local file system can now be automatically refreshed in the workspace. This saves you from having to do a manual **File→Refresh** every time you modify files with an external editor or tool. This feature is currently disabled by default, but can be turned on from the **Workbench** preference page.

Regular expressions in Find/Replace dialog

The Find/Replace dialog for text editors now supports searching and replacing using regular expressions. Press F1 to get an overview of

the regular expression syntax, and press Ctrl – Space to get Content Assist for inserting regular expression constructs.

When the cursor is placed in a dialog field that can provide Content Assist, a small lightbulb appears at the upper-left corner of the field.

New text editor functions

You can now customize the displayed width of tabs and the text selection foreground and background colors in the text editor. See the **Workbench→Editors→Text Editor** page:

New editor functions

All text editors based on the QNX Momentics IDE editor framework support new editing functions, including moving lines up or down (Alt – Up Arrow and Alt – Down Arrow), copying lines (Ctrl – Alt – Up Arrow and Ctrl – Alt – Down Arrow), inserting new a line above or below the current line (Ctrl – Shift – Enter and Shift – Enter), and converting to lowercase or uppercase (Ctrl – Shift – Y and Ctrl – Shift – X).

Double clicking on the line number in the status line is the same as **Navigate→Go to Line…** (Ctrl – L).

Opening external files

The **File** menu now includes an **Open External File…** option that lets you open any file in the workbench without having to import it into a project.

C/C++ user interface

The new CDT in the QNX Momentics 6.3.0 SP2 IDE features:

- Outline filters and groups

- New wizard for creating C++ classes

- New wizards for working with C/C++

- Code folding

- Makefile editor

Outline filters and groups

The Outline view now offers users the ability to filter out certain elements such as defines and namespaces as well as the ability to group all include statements together.

New C++ Class wizard

Creating new C++ classes continues to get easier with a number of enhancements to the C++ class-creation wizard.

New C/C++ wizards

A new toolbar has been created that facilitates the creation of a number of standard C/C++ objects:

- source and header files

- source folders

- C and C++ projects

Code folding

The C/C++ editor supports code folding for functions, methods, classes, structures and macros.

Makefile editor

The Makefile editor has a whole new set of preferences and now supports code folding.

C/C++ debug and launch

Debugging support and application launching in the CDT has been improved, as described in the following sections:

- Thread-specific breakpoints

- Breakpoint filtering

- Workspace variable support

- Mixed source/assembly

- Global variables

- Debug console

- Automatic refresh options

- Finer-grained Launch configurations

Thread-specific breakpoints

The C/C++ Debugger now supports thread-specific breakpoints. After placing a breakpoint, look at its **Properties** to see which threads or processes it is active for.

Breakpoint filtering

The Breakpoints view now lets you filter out all of the irrelevant breakpoints based on the specific process that you're debugging.

Workspace variable support

C/C++ launch configurations now include support for workspace variables in the **Environment**, **Argument**, and **Working Directory** tabs.

Mixed source/assembly

Gone are the days of toggling the C/C++ editor to show the assembly of a program. Instead, use the Disassembly view to see both assembly code and source mixed:

Global variables

You can now add global variables can now be added to the Variables view instead of having to add them as separate expressions.

Debug console

The Debug Console has moved to being a proper console selection of its own in the generic Console view.

Automatic refresh options

You can now configure the default behavior for the automatic retrieval of shared library and register information in the C/C++ debugger.

You can specify whether to refresh register values automatically or manually from the Launch configuration dialog with the Advanced button of the Debug tab.

Finer-grained Launch configurations

You can now maintain separate Run and Debug launch configurations for debugging core files, attaching to a running process, attaching to your target with **pdebug** (serial debugging), and attaching to your target with **qconn** (TCP/IP debugging).

C/C++ project configuration and build

Project configuration and building has been improved:

- Automatic project settings discovery
- Include paths and symbols
- Source folders
- C/C++ file types
- C/C++ working set

Automatic project settings discovery

Automatically generate project defines and include path settings from the C/C++ Standard Make project's **Discovery Options** project settings.

Note that this is for projects being built with one of the platform-specific **nto*-gcc** drivers and a custom **Makefile**.

Include paths & symbols

Use the **C/C++ Include Paths and Symbols** to set up the project settings appropriately for searching, indexing and other source navigation functionality.

Source folders

Use the **C/C++ Project Paths** project properties to determine those files and directories that should be specifically considered as containing source, output or library content. Performance can be improved by limiting the directories and files of large projects.

C/C++ file types

Define the types of specific files, especially C++ headers without extensions, using the **C/C++ File Types** global preference or project property.

C/C++ working set

You can now create working sets containing only C/C++ projects and resources by creating a C/C++ Working Set definition.

C/C++ editing and source navigation

Editing and navigating your C/C++ source files is now easier with:

- C/C++ content assist

- Rename refactoring

- Open type

- C/C++ Browsing perspective

- Makefile editor

- Search enhancements

- Hyperlink navigation

- C/C++ Browsing perspective

C/C++ content assist

Editing code just got easier with a more fully featured content assist. Completions are now provided in the C/C++ editor for:

- classes and structure members

- local and global variables

- functions

- preprocessor defines

- preprocessor commands

Configure completion options in the global **C/C++ Editor Preferences**

Rename refactoring

Use the Outline view or the C/C++ editor's **Refactor→Rename** context menu to refactor class and type names, methods, functions and member names.

Open type

Use **Navigate→Open type** (Ctrl – Shift – T) to open up the declaration of C/C++ classes, structures, unions, typedefs, enumerations and namespaces.

C/C++ Browsing perspective

Use the C/C++ Browsing perspective to navigate the class and structure members of a particular project.

Makefile editor

The Makefile editor now provides syntax highlighting, code completion, and content outlining capabilities.

Search enhancements

The C/C++ Search dialog provides context sensitive searches from the Outline view as well as resource selection-restricted searches in the **C/C++ Search** dialog.

Hyperlink navigation

The C/C++ Editor supports hyperlink navigation if enabled via **Window**→**Preferences**→**C/C++**→**C/C++ Editor Preferences**. Then you can use Ctrl – Click to jump to the declaration of an item directly in the C/C++ editor.

Index error markers

Enable C/C++ indexing and indexer error reporting in the **C/C++ Indexer** properties. This helps identify projects missing path-configuration information.

Configure the indexer from the **C/C++ Indexer** project settings:

QNX Momentics tools

These exclusive QNX Momentics tools have also been updated and improved:

- Memory Analysis

- System Profiler

- Code Coverage

- System Information

- System Builder

Memory Analysis

The following new features have been added to the Memory Analysis perspective:

- streamlined user interface

- support for memory leak detection in real time and when a program exits

- deeper, configurable, backtrace information, configured separately for allocation tracing and error detection

- timestamp tracking of allocations and errors

- thread tracking of allocations and errors

- an optional command-line interface

- the ability to dump trace information to a file

- external runtime control (start, stop for tracing and leak detection)

The Memory Information and Malloc Information views are now part of the System Information perspective.

System Profiler

New features added to the System Profiler in 6.3.0 SP1:

- improved scalability and performance

- improved graphic timeline display for events.

- additional filters: state activity, IPC activity, CPU usage

New features added to the System Profiler in 6.3.0 SP2:

- new interrupt handler element, with its own timeline, CPU usage, and calling process

- CPU usage and process activity for threads takes into account the time spent in Interrupts.

- Several new graph types including 3D perspectives:

Code Coverage

Improved reporting output and export capabilities.

System Information

The System Information perspective has been rewritten with a new update control mechanism, and simplified Process Information and Signal Information views.

The new Process Information view:

The new Signal Information view:

The Memory Information and Malloc Information views (formerly found in the Memory Analysis perspective) are now part of the System Information perspective.

System Builder

The following new features have been added to the System Builder perspective:

- You can now create projects with multiple IFS images. Each IFS image can be combined with one or more EFS images while building the project.

- There are now more ways to add a filesystem image to the existing project.

- You can build each IFS or EFS component separately.

- Image combining can be done as a separate step. The images to combine can be defined at that point, and you can dynamically change the combination parameters for each component.

- System Builder now displays the filesystem layout for each IFS or EFS image.

- The System Optimization component is more flexible.

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Preparing Your Target

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This chapter explains how to set up host-target communications.

Host-target communications

Regardless of whether you're connecting to a remote or a local target, you have to prepare your target machine so that the IDE can interact with the QNX Neutrino image running on the target.

The IDE supports host-target communications using either an IP or a serial connection. We recommend both. If you have only a serial link, you'll be able to debug a program, but you'll need an IP link in order to use any of the advanced diagnostic tools in the IDE.

Target systems need to run the target agent (`qconn`). See "Target agent (the `qconn` daemon)" in the IDE Concepts chapter for more information.

IP communications

Before you can configure your target for IP communications, you must connect the target and host machines to the same network. You must already have TCP/IP networking functioning between the host and target systems.

To configure your target for IP communications, you must launch **qconn** on the target, either from a command-line shell or the target's boot script.

☞ The version of QNX Momentics on your host must be the same or newer than the version of QNX Neutrino on your target, or unexpected behavior may occur. Newer features won't be supported by an older target.

When you set up a launch configuration, select **C/C++ QNX QConn (IP)**. (See the Launch Configurations Reference chapter in this guide for more information.)

☞ The **pdebug** command must be present on the target system in **/usr/bin** for all debugging sessions. **qconn** launches it as needed. The **devc-pty** manager must also be running on the target to support the Debug perspective's Terminal view.

Serial communications

Before you can configure your target for serial communications, you must establish a working serial connection between your host and target machines.

☞ On Linux, disable and stop **mgetty** before configuring your target for serial communications.

To configure your target for serial communications:

1 If it's not already running, start the serial device driver that's appropriate for your target. Intel x86-based machines usually use the **devc-ser8250** driver.

2 Once the serial driver is running, you'll see a serial device listed in the **/dev** directory. To confirm it's running, enter:
ls /dev/ser*

You'll see an entry such as **/dev/ser1** or **/dev/ser2**.

3 Start the pseudo-terminal communications manager
(**devc-pty**):

```
devc-pty &
```

4 Start the debug agent by entering this command (assuming
you're using the first serial port on your target):

```
pdebug /dev/ser1 &
```

The target is now fully configured.

5 Determine the serial port parameters by entering this command
(again assuming the first serial port):

```
stty </dev/ser1
```

This command gives a lot of output. Look for the
baud=*baudrate* entry; you'll need this information to properly
configure the host side of the connection.

When you set up a launch configuration, select **C/C++ QNX PDebug
(Serial)**. (See the Launch Configurations Reference chapter in this
guide for more information.)

Example: Debugging via PPP

This example shows you how to prepare your target and host for
debugging using a PPP connection.

Before you begin, make sure the serial ports on both the host and
target systems are configured properly and can talk to each other
through a null-modem serial cable.

Setting up your target

To configure your target for PPP:

1 Create a **/etc/ppp/options** file containing the following:

```
debug
57600
/dev/ser1
10.0.0.1:10.0.0.0
```

☞

You may need to try a different baud rate if you have any problems at 57600.

2 If it's not already running, start **io-net** with this command:

```
io-net -ptcpip -ppppmgr
```

3 Now start the PPP daemon:

```
pppd
```

4 Finally, start the **qconn** target agent:

```
qconn
```

QNX Neutrino host

To configure your QNX Neutrino host for PPP:

1 Create a **/etc/ppp/options** file containing the following:

```
debug
57600
/dev/ser1
10.0.0.1:10.0.0.0
```

☞

You may need to try a different baud rate if you have any problems at 57600.

2 If it's not already running, start **io-net** with this command:

```
io-net -ptcpip -ppppmgr
```

3 Start the PPP daemon with the **passive** option:

```
pppd passive
```

Windows host

To configure your Windows XP host for serial communication using PPP:

☞ The names of menu items and other details differ slightly on other supported versions of Windows.

1 In the **Control Panel** window, select **Network Connections**.

2 In the New Connection Wizard dialog, click **Set up an advanced connection**, then click **Next**:

3 Select **Connect directly to another computer**, then click **Next**.

4 When prompted for the role of your target, choose **Guest**:

5   Name your connection (e.g. "ppp_biscayne").

6   When prompted to select a device, choose **Communications Port (COM1)**, then click **Next**.

7   When prompted to specify whether you want this connection to be for your use only, or for anyone's, select **Anyone's use**.

8   If you want Windows to create a desktop shortcut, click the option on the last page of the wizard. If not, simply click **Finish**.

9   In the **Connect** *name_of_target* dialog, enter your user ID and password, the select **Properties**.

10   Select the **Options** tab.

11   Turn off the option **Prompt for name and password, certificate, etc.**, then click **OK**.

Connecting with Phindows

The IDE lets you connect to a Photon session on a target from a Windows host machine and interact with the remote Photon system as if you were sitting in front of the target machine.

To prepare your target for a Phindows connection:

1   Open a terminal window and log in as **root**.

2   Edit the **/etc/inetd.conf** file and add the following line (or uncomment it if it's already there):

```
phrelay stream tcp nowait root /usr/bin/phrelay phrelay -x
```

3   Save the file and exit the editor.

4   If it's running, kill the **inetd** daemon:

```
slay inetd
```

5   Now restart **inetd**:

```
inetd
```

The **inetd** daemon starts and you can connect to your target using Phindows.

For details on using Phindows, see the Phindows Connectivity *User's Guide* in your QNX Momentics documentation set.

Chapter 3

Developing C/C++ Programs

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This chapter shows you how to create and manage your C or C++ projects.

The C/C++ Development perspective

The C/C++ Development perspective is where you develop and build your *projects*. As mentioned in the Concepts chapter, a project is a container for organizing and storing your files.

Besides writing code and building your projects, you may also debug and analyze your programs from the C/C++ Development perspective.

☞ You'll find complete documentation on the C/C++ Development perspective, including several tutorials to help you get started, in the core Eclipse platform docset: **Help→Help Contents→C/C++ Development User Guide**.

The views in the C/C++ Development perspective are driven primarily by selections you make in the C/C++ editor and the C/C++ Projects view, which is a specialized version of the Navigator view.

Since the Navigator view is part of the core Eclipse platform, you'll find full documentation on the Navigator view in the *Workbench User Guide*:

For information on the Navigator's:	See these sections in the *Workbench User Guide*:
Toolbar and icons	**Concepts→Views→Navigator view**
Right-click context menu	**Reference→User interface information→Views and editors→Navigator View**

Wizards and Launch Configurations

To create and run your first program, you'll use two major facilities within the IDE:

- wizards — for quickly creating a new project

- launch configurations — for setting up how your program should run

Once you've used these parts of the IDE for the first time, you'll be able to create, build, and run your programs very quickly. For details, see the Common Wizards Reference and Launch Configurations Reference chapters in this guide.

Controlling your projects

The C/C++ Development perspective's C/C++ Projects view is perhaps the most important view in the IDE because you can control your projects with it. The selections you make in the C/C++ Projects view greatly affect what information the other views display.

The C/C++ Projects view gives a "virtual" or filtered presentation of all the executables, source, and shared objects that comprise your project. You can set filters for the types of files you want shown in this view.

The C/C++ Projects view has many of the same features as the Navigator view, but is configured specifically for C and C++

development. At first glance, the two may seem identical, but the C/C++ Projects view:

- shows only open C/C++ projects

- presents the project's executables as if they reside in a subdirectory called **bin**

- for a library project, presents the project's libraries as if they reside in subdirectory called **lib**

- hides certain files

- includes **Build Project** and related commands in its right-click menu

- gives an outline of ***.c**, ***.cc**, ***.cpp**, ***.h**, and binary files

Opening files

To open files and display them in the editor area:

➤ In the C/C++ Projects view, double-click the file to be opened.

The file opens in the editor area.

Opening projects

Since the C/C++ Projects view hides *closed* projects, you must use the Navigator view to open them.

➤ In the Navigator view, right-click your project, then select **Open Project**.

The project opens — you can see it in the C/C++ Projects view.

Filtering files

To hide certain files from the C/C++ Projects view:

1   In the C/C++ Projects view, click the menu dropdown button
(▼).

2   Select **Filters…**. The C Element Filters dialog appears:

3   In the filter pane, select the types of files you wish to hide. For
example, if you select **.***, then all files that start with a period

(e.g. `.cdtproject`, `.project`, etc.) won't appear in the C/C++ Projects view.

4   Click **OK**. The C/C++ Projects view automatically refreshes and shows only the files you haven't filtered.

Outlines of source and executable files

The C/C++ Projects view shows you an outline of the `.c`, `.cc`, and `.h` files in your project:

Note that you can also use the Outline view to see the structure of your projects. (For more on the Outline view, see the "Code synopsis" section in this chapter.)

The C/C++ Projects view shows you the outlines of executables as well. You can examine the structure of executables to see the functions that you declared and used in the file, as well as the

elements that were called indirectly, such as *malloc()*, *_init()*, and *errno*:

Creating projects

If you're creating an application from scratch, you'll probably want to create a QNX C Project or QNX C++ Project, which relies on the QNX recursive **Makefile** hierarchy to support multiple CPU targets. For more on the QNX recursive **Makefile** hierarchy, see the Conventions for Makefiles and Directories appendix in the *Programmer's Guide*.

☞   If you want to import an existing project, see the section "Importing existing source code into the IDE" in the Managing Source Code chapter in this guide.

You use the New Project wizard whenever you create a new project in the IDE. Here are the steps to create a simple "hello world" type of program:

1   In the C/C++ Development perspective, click the **New C/C++ Project** button in the toolbar:

The New Project wizard appears.

☞   There are actually several ways to open the New Project wizard. See the Common Wizards Reference chapter in this guide for details.

2   Name your project, then select the *type*:

- Application
- Static library
- Shared library
- Shared + Static library
- Static + Static shared library
- Shared library without export

Even though the wizard allows it, don't use any of the following characters in your project name (they'll cause problems later): `|  !   $  (  "  )  &  '  :   ;  \  '  *  ?   [  ]  #  ~  =  %  <  >  {  }`

3   Click **Next** – but don't press Enter! (Pressing Enter at this point amounts to clicking the Finish button, which causes the IDE to create the project for *all* CPU variants, which you may not want.)

4 In the Build Variants tab, check the build variant that matches your target type, such as X86 (Little Endian), PPC (Big Endian), etc.

Also, check **Build debug version** and **Build release version**.

5 Click **Finish**. The IDE creates your project and displays the source file in the editor.

Building projects

Once you've created your project, you'll want to *build* it. Note that the IDE uses the same `make` utility and `Makefile`s that are used on the command line.

The IDE can build projects automatically (i.e. whenever you change your source) or let you build them manually. When you do manual builds, you can also decide on the scope of the build.

You can watch a build's progress and see output from the build command in the Console view. If a build generates any errors or warnings, you can see them in the Problems view.

Build terminology

The IDE uses a number of terms to describe the scope of the build:

Build Build only the components affected by modified files in that particular project (i.e. `make all`).

Clean Delete all the built components (i.e. `.o`, `.so`, `.exe`, and so on) without building anything (i.e. `make clean`).

Rebuild Delete all the built components, then build each one from scratch. A Rebuild is really a Clean followed by a Build (i.e. `make clean; make all`).

Turning off the autobuild feature

By default, the IDE automatically rebuilds your project every time you change a file or other resource in any way (e.g. delete, copy, save, etc.). This feature is handy if you have only a few open projects and if they're small. But for large projects, you might want to turn this feature off.

To turn off autobuilding:

1   From the main menu, select **Window→Preferences**.

2   In the left pane, select **Workbench**.

3   In the right pane, disable the **Build automatically** option.

4   Click **OK** to save and apply your preferences.

The IDE now builds your projects only when you ask it to.

Existing C/C++ projects (not QNX C/C++ projects) have their own autobuild setting. To turn this off:

1   Right-click the C/C++ project, then choose **Properties** from the menu.

2   Select **C/C++ Make Project** in the list on the left.

3   Select the **Make Builder** tab.

4   Disable the **Build on resource save (Auto Build)** option in the **Workbench Build Behavior** section.

5   Click **OK** to close the project properties dialog and return to the workbench.

Building everything

The IDE lets you manually choose to rebuild all your open projects. Depending on the number of projects, the size of the projects, and the number of target platforms, this could take a significant amount of time.

To rebuild all your open projects:

➤ From the main menu, select **Project→Build All**.

Building selected projects

To rebuild a single project:

➤ In the C/C++ Projects view, right-click a project and select **Rebuild Project**.

Autosave before building

To have the IDE automatically save all your changed resources before you do a manual build:

1 From the main menu, select **Window→Preferences**.

2 In the left pane, select **Workbench**.

3 In the right pane, check the **Save automatically before build** option.

4 Click **OK** to save and apply your preferences.

The IDE now saves your resources before it builds your project.

Configuring project build order

You can tell the IDE to build certain projects before others. And if a given project refers to another project, the IDE builds that project first.

☞ Setting the build order doesn't necessarily cause the IDE to rebuild all projects that depend on a given project. You must rebuild all projects to ensure that all dependencies are resolved.

To manually configure the project build order:

1 From the main menu, select **Window**→**Preferences**.

2 In the left pane, select **Build Order**.

3 Disable the **Use default build order** option.

4 Select a project in the list, then use the **Up** or **Down** buttons to position the project where you want in the list.

5 When you're done, click **Apply**, then **OK**.

Creating personal build options

☞ In this section, the term "targets" refers to operations that the **make** command executes during a build, not to target machines.

A **make** *target* is an action called by the **make** utility to perform a build-related task. For example, QNX **Makefile**s support a target named **clean**, which gets called as **make clean**. The IDE lets you set up your own **make** targets (e.g. *myMakeStuff*). You can also use a **make** target to pass options such as **CPULIST=x86**, which causes the **make** utility to build only for x86. Of course, such an option would work only if it's already defined in the **Makefile**.

To add your own custom **make** target to the C/C++ Project view's right-click menu:

1   In the C/C++ Projects view, right-click a project and select **Create Make Target...**.

2   Type the name of your **make** target (e.g. **myMakeStuff**).

3   Click **Create**.

You'll see your target option listed in the Build Targets dialog, which appears when you select the **Build Make Target...** item of the right-click menu of the C/C++ Projects view. Your targets also appear in the Make Targets view.

To build your project with a custom **make** target:

1   In the C/C++ Projects view, right-click a project.

2   In the context menu, select **Build Make Target...** item. The Build Targets dialog appears.

3   Select your custom target, then click **Build**.

☞ To remove a **make** target:

1 Open the Make Targets view (**Window→Show View→Make Targets**). Expand your project to see your **make** targets.

2 Right-click the target you want to remove, then select **Delete Make Target**.

Adding a `use` message

Adding a helpful "use" message to your application lets people get an instant online reminder for command-line arguments and basic usage simply by typing **use** *app_name*.

Usage messages are plain text files, typically named *app_name*.**use**, located in the root of your application's project directory. For example, if you had the **nodetime** project open, its usage message might be in **nodetime.use**. This convention lets the recursive **Makefile** system automatically find your usage message data.

For information about writing usage messages, please refer to the **usemsg** documentation.

To add a usage message to your application when using a QNX C/C++ Project:

1 In the C/C++ Projects or Navigator view, open your project's **common.mk** file. This file specifies common options used for building all of your active variants.

2 Find the **USEFILE** entry in **common.mk**.

3 If your usage message is in *app_name*.**use**, where *app_name* is your executable name, add a **#** character at the start of the **USEFILE** line. This lets the recursive **Makefile** system automatically pick up your usage message.

If your usage message is in a file with a different name, or you want to explicitly specify your usage message's file name, change the **USAGE** line:

USAGE=$(PROJECT␣ROOT)/*usage␣message.use*

Where *usage␣message.use* is the name of the file containing your usage message. This also assumes that your usage message file is in the root of the project directory. If the usage message file is located in another directory, include it instead of **$(PROJECT␣ROOT)**.

4   Build your project as usual to include the usage message.

To add a usage message to your application when using a Standard C/C++ Project:

1   In the C/C++ Projects or Navigator view, open your project's **Makefile**.

2   Find the rule you use to link your application's various **.o** files into the final executable.

3   Add the following to the rule after the link command:

usemsg $@ *usage␣message.use*

Where *usage␣message.use* is the name of the file containing your usage message.

4   Build your project as usual to include the usage message.

Running projects

☞ Before running an application, you must prepare your target. If it isn't already prepared, you must do so now. See the previous chapter (Preparing Your Target) in this guide.

Once you've built your project, you're ready to run it. The IDE lets you run or debug your executables on either a local or a remote QNX Neutrino target machine. (For a description of local and remote targets, see the IDE Concepts chapter.)

To run or debug your program, you must create both of the following:

- a QNX Target System Project, which specifies how the IDE communicates with your target; once you've created a QNX Target

System Project, you can reuse it for every program that runs on that particular target.

- a **Launch Configuration**, which describes how the program runs on your target; you'll need to set this up only once for that particular program.

☞ For a complete description of how to create a QNX Target System Project, see the Common Wizards Reference chapter in this guide.

For a complete description of the Launch Configurations dialog and its available options, see the Launch Configurations Reference chapter in this guide.

To create a QNX Target System Project:

1   From the menu, select **File→New→Other…**.

2   In the list, expand **QNX**.

3   Select **QNX Target System Project**.

4   Click **Next**.

5   Name your target.

6   Enter your target's Hostname or IP address.

7   Click **Finish**.

You'll see your new QNX Target System Project in the Navigator view.

To create a launch configuration so you can run your "hello world" QNX C Application Project:

☞ Make sure you build your project first before you create a launch configuration for it. See "Building projects" above.

1 In the C/C++ Projects view, select your project.

2 From the **Run** workbench menu, click the **Run...** menu item.

3 In the Launch Configurations dialog, select **C/C++ QNX QConn (IP)** in the left pane.

4 Click **New**.

5 In the Name field, give your launch configuration a name.

6 Click the **Search** button beside the C/C++ Application field. The Program Selection dialog appears.

7 Select a program to run; the _g indicates it was compiled for debugging.

8 Click **OK**.

9   In the **Target Options** pane, select your target.

10   Click the **Run** button.

Your program runs — you see its output (if any) in the Console view.

Deleting projects

To delete a project:

1   In the C/C++ Projects view, right-click a project and select **Delete** from the context menu. The IDE then prompts you to confirm, like this:

2   Decide whether you want to delete just the project framework, or its contents as well.

☞   When you delete a project in the IDE, any launch configurations for that project are *not* deleted. This feature lets you delete and recreate a project without also having to repeat that operation for any corresponding launch configurations you may have created.

For more on launch configurations, see the Launch Configurations Reference chapter in this guide.

Writing code

The C/C++ editor is where you write and modify your code. As you work in the editor, the IDE dynamically updates many of the other views (even if you haven't saved your file).

C/C++ editor layout

The C/C++ editor has a gray border on each side. The border on the left margin might contain icons that indicate errors or other problems detected by the IDE, as well as icons for any bookmarks, breakpoints, or tasks (from the Tasks view). The icons in the left margin correspond to the line of code.

The border on the right margin displays red and yellow bars that correspond to the errors and warnings from the Problems view. Unlike the left margin, the right margin displays the icons *for the entire length of the file*.

The C/C++ Editor.

☞ If you use the `cpptest.cc` sample show above, you must add the math library to your project, or you get link errors. For more information on adding libraries to your build, see the Linker tab section of the Common Wizards Reference chapter.

Finishing function names

The Content Assist feature can help you finish the names of functions if they're long or if you can't remember the exact spelling.

To use Content Assist:

1   In the C/C++ editor, type one or two letters of a function's name.

2   Press Ctrl – Space. (Or, right-click near the cursor and select **Content Assist**.) A menu with the available functions appears:

3   You may do one of the following:

- Continue typing. The list shortens.
- Scroll with the up and down arrows. Press Enter to select the function.

- Scroll with your mouse. Double-click a function to insert it.
- To close the Content Assist window, press Esc.

Inserting code snippets

The IDE has another code-completion feature that can insert canned snippets of code such as an empty **do-while** structure. If you've already used the Content Assist feature, you may have already noticed the Code Templates feature; you access it the same way.

To use Code Templates:

1   As with Content Assist, start typing, then press Ctrl – Space. (Or, right-click near the cursor and select **Content Assist**).

2   Any code templates that match the letters you've typed appear first in the list:

The IDE lets you enable as many of these templates as you like, edit them as you see fit, create your own templates, and so on.

To edit a template or add one of your own:

1   From the main menu, select **Window→Preferences**.

2   In the left pane, select **C/C++→Code Templates**.

3   To edit a template, select it, then click **Edit**.

4   To add you own template, click **New**. A dialog for adding new templates appears:

Adding `#include` directives

To insert the appropriate **`#include`** directive for any documented QNX Neutrino function:

1   In the C/C++ editor, double-click the function name, but don't highlight the parentheses or any leading tabs or spaces.

2   Right-click and select **Add Include**. The IDE automatically adds the **`#include`** statement to the top of the file, if it isn't already there.

Hover help

The IDE's hover help feature gives you the synopsis for a function while you're coding. To use hover help:

➤   In the C/C++ editor, pause your pointer over a function. You'll see a text box showing the function's summary and synopsis:

```
G *cpptest.cc X
#include <cstdlib>
#include <iostream>

#include <cmath>
#include <string.h>

using namespace std;

int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
    cout << "Welcome to the Momentics IDE" << end

    cout << "cos(1.0) = " << cos( 1.0 ) << endl;

    double x = 0.0;
    do {
        cout << "sin(" << x << ") = " << sin( x )
        x += 0.1;
    } while ( x < 1.0 );

    x = static_cast<double>( strlen( "hello world
                             Name: strlen
                             Protoype: size_t strlen( const char * s )
    return EXIT_SUCCESS;     Description:
                             Compute the length of a string
}
                             #include <string.h>
                             size_t strlen( const char * s );
```

Commenting-out code

You can easily add comments using either the C or C++ style, even to large sections of code. You can add **//** characters to the beginning of lines, letting you comment out large sections, even if they have **/* */** comments.

When you uncomment lines, the editor removes the leading **//** characters from all lines that have them, so be careful not to accidentally uncomment sections. Also, the editor can comment or uncomment selected *lines* — if you highlight a partial line, the editor comments out the entire line, not just the highlighted section.

To comment or uncomment a block of code:

1 In the C/C++ editor, highlight a section of code to be commented or uncommented. For one line, place your cursor on that line.

2 Right-click and select **Comment** or **Uncomment**.

Customizing the C/C++ editor

You can change the font, set the background color, show line numbers, and control many other visual aspects of the C/C++ editor. You can also configure context highlighting and change how the Code Assist feature works. You do all this in the C/C++ editor preferences dialog:

To access the C/C++ editor preferences dialog:

1 Select **Window→Preferences**.

2 In the left pane, select **C/C++→Editor**.

Using other editors

If you wish to use a different text editor than the one that's built into the IDE, you can do so, but you'll lose the *integration* of the various views and perspectives. For example, within the C/C++ editor, you can set breakpoints and then see them in the Breakpoints view, or put "to-do" markers on particular lines and see them in the Tasks view, or get hover help as you pause your cursor over a function name in your code, and so on.

If you want to use other editors, you can do so either outside or inside the IDE.

Outside the IDE

You can edit your code with an editor started outside of the IDE (e.g. from the command line). When you're done editing, you'll have to synchronize the IDE with the changes.

To synchronize the IDE with changes you've made using an editor outside of the IDE:

➤ In the C/C++ Projects view, right-click the tree pane and select **Refresh**. The IDE updates the display to reflect any changes you've made (such as creating new files).

Within the IDE

You can specify file associations that determine the editor you want to use for each file type. For example, you can tell the IDE to use an external program such as WordPad to edit all `.h` files. Once that preference is set, you can double-click a file in the C/C++ Projects view, and the IDE automatically opens the file in your selected program.

If the IDE doesn't have an association set for a certain file type, it uses the host OS defaults. For example, on a Windows host, if you double-click a `.DOC` file, Word or WordPad automatically launches and opens the file.

☞ For more information about file associations, follow these links in the Eclipse *Workbench User Guide*: **Reference→Preferences→File Associations**.

Creating files from scratch

By default, the IDE creates a simple "hello world" C/C++ source file for you, which you may or may not want to use as a template for your own code.

To create a new C/C++ file:

1   Highlight the project that contains the new file you're creating.

2   Click the **New C/C++ Source File** button on the toolbar:

New C/C++ Source File

3   Enter (or select) the name of the folder where the file resides.

4   Name your file, then click Finish.

You should now see an empty text editor window, ready for you to begin working on your new file. Notice your filename highlighted in blue in the title bar above the editor.

More development features

Besides the features already described above, the IDE has several other helpful facilities worth exploring.

Tracking remaining work

The Problems view gives you a list of errors and warnings related to your projects. These are typically syntax errors, typos, and other programming errors found by the compiler:

Error markers

The IDE also shows corresponding markers in several other locations:

- C/C++ Projects view — on both the file that contained compile errors and on the project itself

- Outline view — in the method (e.g. *main()*)

- C/C++ editor — on the left side, beside the offending line of code

Jumping to errors

To quickly go to the source of an error (if the IDE can determine where it is):

➤ In the Problems view, double-click the error marker ( ) or warning marker ( ). The file opens in the editor area, with the cursor on the offending line.

To jump to errors sequentially:

➤ Click the **Jump to next error marker** button ( ) or the **Jump to previous error marker** button ( ).

Filtering errors

Depending on the complexity and stage of your program, the IDE can generate an overwhelming number of errors. But you can customize the Problems view so you'll see only the errors you want to see.

To access the error-filtering dialog:

➤ In the Problems view, click the **Filter** icon ( ).

The Filters dialog lets you adjust the scope of the errors shown in the Problems view. The more boxes checked, the more errors you'll see.

Tracking Tasks

The Tasks view is part of the core Eclipse platform. For more information about this view, follow these links in the *Workbench User Guide*: **Reference→User interface information→View and Editors→Tasks view**.

The Tasks view lets you track your tasks.

Setting reminders

The Tasks view lets you create your own tasks for the unfinished function you're writing, the error-handling routine you want to check, or whatever.

You use the New Tasks dialog to add a personal task:

1   In the Tasks view, right-click the tasks pane and select **Add Task** or click the **Add Task** button in the Tasks view.

2   Complete the dialog for your task:

☞   To remove a personal task:

    ➤ In the Tasks view, right-click the task and select **Delete**.

Code synopsis

The Outline view gives you a structural view of your C/C++ source code:

The view shows the elements in the source file in the order they occur, including functions, libraries, and variables. You may also sort the list alphabetically, or hide certain items (fields, static members, and nonpublic members).

If you click an entry in the Outline view, the editor's cursor moves to the start of the item selected.

Checking your build

The Console view displays the output from the **make** utility:

Customizing the Console view

You can choose to clear the Console view before each new build or let the output of each subsequent build grow in the display. You can also have the Console view appear on top of the other stacked views whenever you build.

To set the preferences for the Console view:

1   From the main menu, select **Window→Preferences**.

2   In the left pane, select **C/C++→Build Console**:

Accessing source files for functions

While editing source code in the editor, you can select a function name, press F3, and the editor immediately jumps to the source file for that function (if the file is also in your project).

☞ For more information on the C/C++ Development perspective, go to: **Help→Help Contents→C/C++ Development User Guide**.

Opening headers

You can select a header (such as **stdio.h**) in the C/C++ editor and press Ctrl – Shift – o to open the header file in the editor. You can also right-click the header file's name in the Outline view, then choose **Open**.

Many of the enhanced source navigation and code development accelerators available in the C/C++ editor are extracted from the source code. To provide the most accurate data representation, the

project must be properly configured with the include paths and defines used to compile the source.

For QNX projects, the standard include paths and defines are set automatically based on the compiler and architecture. Additional values can be set using the project's properties.

For Standard C/C++ Make projects, you must define the values yourself. These values can be set manually using the Paths and Symbols tab of the project's properties, or they can be set automatically using the **Set QNX Build Environment...** item in the project's context menu.

To set the include paths and defines for a Standard C/C++ Make project:

1   In the C/C++ Projects view, right-click your project and select **Set QNX Build Environment...**.

The Set QNX Build Environment wizard appears.

2   Select one or more Standard C/C++ Make projects to update
and click **Next**.

The **Compiler/Architecture Selection** panel appears.

3 Select the appropriate Compiler, Language, and Architecture for your project, and click **Finish**.

Managing Source Code

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Preparing Your Target	Managing Source Code		Using Code Coverage	Analyzing Your System

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This chapter describes managing source code from within the IDE.

CVS and the IDE

CVS is the default source-management system in the IDE. Other systems (e.g. ClearCase) are also supported.

The CVS Repository Exploring perspective lets you bring code from CVS into your workspace. If another developer changes the source in CVS while you're working on it, the IDE helps you synchronize with CVS and resolve any conflicts. You can also choose to automatically notify the CVS server whenever you start working on a file. The CVS server then notifies other developers who work on that file as well. Finally, the CVS Repository Exploring perspective lets you check your modified code back into CVS.

☞ The IDE connects to CVS repositories that reside only on remote *servers* — you can't have a local CVS repository (i.e. one that resides on your host computer) unless it's set up to allow CVS **pserver**, **ext**, or **extssh** connections.

Local history feature

The IDE lets you "undo" changes with its *local history*. While you're working on your code, the IDE automatically keeps track of the changes you make to your file; it lets you roll back to an earlier version of a file that you saved but didn't commit to CVS.

For more on the IDE's local history feature, follow these links in the *Workbench User Guide*: **Reference→User interface information→Development environment→Local history**.

Project files (`.project` and `.cdtproject`)

For each project, the IDE stores important information in these two files:

- `.project`

- `.cdtproject`

You *must* include both files with your project when you commit it to CVS.

Core Eclipse documentation on using CVS in the IDE

Since the CVS Repository Exploring perspective is a core Eclipse feature, you'll find complete documentation in the Eclipse *Workbench User Guide*. Follow these links:

- **Tips and Tricks**, scroll down to the **Team - CVS** section

- **Tasks→Working in the team environment with CVS**

This table may help you find information quickly in the *Workbench User Guide*:

If you want to:	Go to:
Connect to a CVS repository	**Tasks→Working in the team environment with CVS→Working with a CVS repository→Creating a CVS repository location**
Check code out of CVS	**Tasks→Working in the team environment with CVS→Working with projects shared with CVS→Checking out a project from a CVS repository**
Synchronize with a CVS repository	**Tasks→Working in the team environment with CVS→Synchronizing with the repository**, especially the **Updating** section
See who's also working on a file	**Tasks→Working in the team environment with CVS→Finding out who's working on what: watch/edit**
Resolve CVS conflicts	**Tasks→Working in the team environment with CVS→Synchronizing with the repository→Resolving conflicts**
Prevent certain files from being committed to CVS	**Tasks→Working in the team environment with CVS→Synchronizing with the repository→Version control life cycle: adding and ignoring resources**

continued...

If you want to:	Go to:
Create and apply a patch	**Tasks→Working in the team environment with CVS→Working with patches**
Track code changes that haven't been committed to CVS	**Tasks→Working with local history**, especially the **Comparing resources with the local history** section
View an online FAQ about the CVS Repository Exploring perspective	**Reference→Team Support→CVS**

Importing existing source code into the IDE

As with many tasks within the IDE, there's more than one way to bring existing source files into your workspace:

- *filesystem drag-and-drop* — from a Windows host, you can drag-and-drop (or copy and paste) individual files from the filesystem into your project in your workspace.

- *CVS repository* — you can use the CVS Repositories view to connect to a CVS repository and check out projects, folders, or files into your workspace.

- *Import wizard* — this IDE wizard lets you import existing projects, files, and even files from ZIP archives into your workspace.

- *linked resources* — this lets you work with files and folders that reside in the filesystem *outside* your project's location in the workspace. You might use linked resources, for example, if you have a source tree that's handled by some other source-management tool outside of the IDE. (For more on linked resources, follow these links in the *Workbench User Guide*: **Concepts→Workbench→Linked resources**.)

Whatever method you use, you always need to set up an IDE *project* in your workspace in order to work with the resources you're importing.

If you're importing code that uses an existing build system, you may need to provide a **Makefile** with **all:** and **clean:** targets that call your existing build system.

For example, if you're using the **jam** tool to build your application, your IDE project **Makefile** might look like this:

```
all:
    jam -fbuild.jam

clean:
    jam -fbuild.jam clean
```

Projects within projects?

Suppose you have an existing source hierarchy that looks something like this:

In order to work efficiently with this source in the IDE, each component and subcomponent should be a "subproject" within the one main project. (You could keep an entire hierarchy as a single project if you wish, but you'd probably find it cumbersome to build and work with such a monolith.)

Unfortunately, the current version of Eclipse (3.0) in QNX Momentics 6.3 doesn't support nesting projects as such. So how would you import such a source tree into Eclipse 3.0?

Step 1

First, in your workspace create a single project that reflects all the components that reside in your existing source tree:

1   Select **File→New→Project...**.

2   Select the type of project (e.g. Standard Make C project).

3   Name your project (e.g. `EntireSourceProjectA`).

4   Unselect **Use Default Location**, because we need to tell the IDE where the resources reside in the filesystem (since they don't reside in your workspace).

5   In the **Location:** field, type in the path to your source (or click **Browse...**).

6   Click **Finish**. You should now have a project that looks something like this in the C/C++ Projects view:

Step 2

Now we'll create an individual project (via **File→New→Project...**) for each of the existing projects (or components) in your source tree.

In this example, we'll create a separate project for each of the following source components:

- **ComponentA**

- **ComponentB**

- **SubcomponentC**

- **SubcomponentD**

1   Select **File→New→Project...**.

2   Select the type of project (e.g. Standard Make C project).

3   Name your project (e.g. **Project_ComponentA**).

4   Check **Use default location**, because we want the IDE to create a *project* in your workspace for this and all the other components that comprise your **EntireSourceProjectA**. In the next step, we'll be linking each project to the actual location of the directories in your source tree.

5   Click **Finish**, and you'll see **Project_ComponentA** in the C/C++ Projects view.

Step 3

Next we'll *link* each individual project in the IDE to its corresponding directory in the source tree:

1   Select **File→New→Folder**.

2   Make sure your new project (**Project_ComponentA**) is selected as the parent folder.

3   Name the folder (e.g. **ComponentA**).

4   Click the **Advanced**>> button.

5   Check **Link to folder in the file system**.

6   Enter the path to that folder in your source tree (or use
Browse...).

7 Click **Finish**. Your `Project_ComponentA` project should now show a folder called `ComponentA`, the contents of which actually reside in your source tree.

Step 4

Now we'll need to tell the IDE to build `Project_ComponentA` in the `ComponentA` linked folder that you just created in your workspace:

1 In the C/C++ Projects view, right-click `Project_ComponentA`, then select **Properties** from the context menu.

2 Select **C/C++ Make Project**.

3 In the **Make Builder** tab, set the Build Directory to `ComponentA` in your workspace.

Now when you go to build `Project_ComponentA`, the IDE builds it in the `ComponentA` folder in your workspace (even though the source actually resides in a folder outside your workspace).

> **CAUTION:** Linked resources let you *overlap* files in your workspace, so files from one project can appear in another project. But keep in mind that if you change a file or other resource in one place, the *duplicate resource is also affected*. If you delete a duplicate resource, its original is also deleted!

Special rules apply when working with linked resources. Since a linked resource must reside directly below a project, you can't copy or move a linked resource into other folders. If you delete a linked resource from your project, this does *not* cause the corresponding resource in the filesystem to also be deleted. But if you delete *child* resources of linked folders, this *does* delete those child resources from the filesystem!

Filesystem drag-and-drop

On Windows hosts, you can select files or folders and drop them into projects in the Navigator view:

1 Create a new project. If your existing code has an existing build procedure, use a Standard Make C/C++ Project. If not, you can use a QNX C/C++ Project or a Standard Make C/C++ Project.

2 Switch to the Navigator view.

3 Select one or more source files or folders in the Windows Explorer, then drag them into the project. The files are copied into your project workspace.

☞ You can also use Cut, Copy, and Paste to move or copy files into a project from Windows Explorer.

CVS repository

Using the CVS Repository Exploring perspective, you can check out modules or directories into existing projects, or to create new projects.

Bringing code into the IDE from CVS differs slightly depending on what you're importing:

- an existing C/C++ project

- existing C/C++ code that isn't part of a project

- existing C/C++ code that needs to be added to an existing project

Importing a C/C++ project from CVS

To check out an existing C/C++ project (either a QNX project or a Standard Make C/C++ project) from the CVS repository into your workspace:

1   Right-click the project in the CVS Repositories view and choose **Check Out** from the menu.

       The IDE creates a project with the same name as the CVS module in your workspace. The project is automatically recognized as a Standard Make C/C++ or QNX C/C++ project (if the project has **.project** and **.cdtproject** files).

2   If the project is a QNX project:

       2a   Right-click the new project in the Navigator or C/C++ Projects view and choose **Properties**.

       2b   Click the **Build Variants** tab, which displays a warning:

            ❌ At least one platform should be selected

       2c   Select one or more of the build variants, then click **OK**.

Importing C/C++ code from CVS

To check out existing C/C++ code that isn't part of a project:

1   Right-click the module or directory in the CVS Repositories view and choose **Check Out As...** from the menu.

       The IDE displays the Check Out As wizard.

The Check Out As wizard.

2   Choose how to check out this project:

- as a project configured using the New Project wizard
  or:
- as a new project in the workspace
  or:
- **Standard Make C/C++ Project** – Use a Standard Make C/C++ project if you need to create your own **Makefile** to integrate with an existing build process.

Choose the workspace location for this project, then the CVS tag to check out. Click **Finish** to exit the **Check Out As** dialog.

Click **Next** to continue.

3 If you're creating or checking out a QNX project:

    3a Right-click the new project in the Navigator or C/C++ Projects view and choose **Properties**.

    3b Click the **Build Variants** tab, which displays a warning:

    3c Select one or more of the build variants, then click **OK**.

4 If you're creating a Standard Make C/C++ project, create a new **Makefile** with appropriate **all:** and **clean:** targets.

Importing C/C++ code into an existing project

To import a directory full of C/C++ code into an existing project:

1 Right-click the module or directory in the CVS Repositories view and choose **Check Out As...** from the menu.

The IDE displays the Check Out As dialog.

Click **Next** to continue. The IDE displays the Check Out Into dialog.

2   Select an existing project from the list, then click **Finish** to add the code from CVS to the selected project.

Import wizard

Use the Import wizard to bring files or folders into an existing project from a variety of different sources, such as:

- an existing container project

- an existing project

- another directory

- a QNX Board Support Package

- a QNX `mkifs` Buildfile

- a QNX Source Package

- a Team Project Set

- a Zip file

For details, see "Importing projects" in the Common Wizards Reference chapter.

Linked resources

As an alternative to dragging-and-dropping, you can link files and folders into a project. This lets you include files in your project, even if they need to reside in a specific place on your filesystem (because of a restrictive source control system, for example).

To add a linked resource to a project in the C/C++ Project or Navigator view:

1   Right-click on a project, then choose **File** or **Folder** from the **New** menu.

   The New File or New Folder dialog appears.

2   Enter the new file or folder name in the **File Name** field.

3   Click the **Advanced** >> button, and check the **Link to file in the file system** or **Link to folder in the file system** check box.

4   Enter the full path to the file or folder, or click the **Browse. . .** button to select a file or folder.

5   Use the **Variables. . .** button to define path variables for use in the file or folder path:

6 Click **Finish** to link the file or folder into your project.

See **Concepts→Workbench→Linked resources** in the *Workbench User Guide* for more information about linked resources.

Using container projects

A *container* is a project that creates a logical grouping of subprojects. Containers can ease the building of large multiproject systems. You can have containers practically anywhere you want on the filesystem, with one exception: containers can't appear in the parent folders of other projects (because this would create a projects-in-projects problem).

Containers let you specify just about any number of *build configurations* (which are analogous to *build variants* in C/C++ projects). Each build configuration contains a list of subprojects and specifies which variant to be built for each of those projects. Note that each build configuration may contain a different list and mix of subprojects (e.g. QNX C/C++ projects, Standard Make C/C++ projects, or other container projects.)

Creating a container project

☞ In order to create a container, you must have at least one subproject that you want to contain.

To create a container project:

1 Select **File→New→Project...**, then **QNX→C/C++ Container Project**.

2 Name the container.

3 Click Next.

4 Click **Add Project...**.

5 Now select all the projects (which could be other containers) that you want included in this container:

Each subproject has a `make` targets entry under the Target field. The "Default" entry means "don't pass any targets to the `make` command." QNX C/C++ projects interpret this as "rebuild". If a subproject is also a container project, this field represents the build configuration for that container.

☞ You can set the default for QNX C/C++ projects by opening the Preferences dialog box (**Window→Preferences** in the menu), then choosing **QNX→Container properties**.

6 Select the build variant for each project you wish to build. You can choose **All** (for *every* variant that has already been created in the project's folder) or **All Enabled** (for just the variants you've selected). Note that the concept of variants makes sense only for QNX C/C++ projects.

☞ The **Stop on error** column controls whether the build process for the container stops at the first subproject to have an error or continues to build all the remaining subprojects.

7 If you want to reduce clutter in the C/C++ Projects view, then create a *working set* for your container. The working set contains all the projects initially added to the container.

To select a working set, click the down-arrow at the top of the C/C++ Projects view pane and select the working set you want. Note that the working set created when the container was created has the same name as the container.

☞ If you add or remove elements to a container project later, the working set is *not* updated automatically.

8 Click **Finish**. The IDE creates your container project.

Setting up a build configuration

Just as QNX C/C++ projects have build variants, container projects have *build configurations*. Each configuration can be entirely distinct from other configurations in the same container. For example, you could have two separate configurations, say **Development** and **Released**, in your top-level container. The **Development** configuration would build the **Development** configuration of any subcontainers, as well as the appropriate build variant for any subprojects. The **Released** configuration would be identical, except that it would build the **Released** variants of subprojects.

☞ Note that the default configuration is the first configuration that was created when the container project was created.

To create a build configuration for a container:

1   In the C/C++ Projects view, right-click the container.

2   Select **Create Container Configuration…**.

3   In the Container Build Configuration dialog, name the configuration.

4   Click **Add Project**, then select all the projects to be included in this configuration.

5   Change the **Variant** and **Stop on error** entries for each included project, as appropriate.

☞ If you want to change the build order, use the **Shift Up** or **Shift Down** buttons.

6   Click **OK**.

Editing existing configurations

There are two ways to change existing configurations for a container project, both of which appear in the right-click menu:

- Properties

- Build Container Configuration

☞ Although you can use either method to edit a configuration, you might find changing the Properties easier because it shows you a *tree-view* of your entire container project.

Note also that you can edit only those configurations that are immediate children of the root container.

Editing via project Properties

You can use the container project's Properties to:

- add new configurations

- add projects to existing configurations

- specify which variant of a subproject should be built

To edit a configuration:

1 Right-click the container project and select **Properties**.

2 In the left pane, select **Container Build Configurations**.

3 Expand the project in the tree-view on the right.

4 Select the configuration you want to edit. Configurations are listed as children of the container.

5 Click the **Edit** button at the right of the dialog. This opens the familiar Container Build Configuration dialog (from the New Container wizard), which you used when you created the container.

6 Make any necessary changes — add, delete, reorder projects, or change which `make` target or variant you want built for any given project.

☞   While editing a configuration, you can include or exclude a component from the build just by checking or unchecking the component. Note that if you exclude a component from being built, it's not removed from your container.

7   Click **OK**, then click **OK** again (to close the Properties dialog).

Editing via the Build Container Configuration. . . item

You can access the Container Build Configuration dialog from the container project's right-click menu.

Note that this method doesn't show you a tree-view of your container.

To edit the configuration:

1   Right-click the container project, then select **Build Container Configuration. . .** .

2   Select the configuration you want to edit from the list.

3   Click the **Edit** button. This opens the familiar Container Build Configuration dialog (from the New Container wizard), which you used when you created the container.

4   Make any necessary changes — add, delete, reorder projects, or change which **make** target or variant you want built for any given project.

5   Click **OK**, then click **OK** again (to save your changes and close the dialog).

Building a container project

Once you've finished setting up your container project and its configurations, it's very simple to build your container:

1   In the C/C++ Projects view, right-click your container project.

2   Select **Build Container Configuration. . .** .

3   Choose the appropriate configuration from the dialog.

4   Click **Build**.

☞   A project's build variant selected in the container configuration is built, regardless of whether the variant is selected in the C/C++ project's properties. In other words, the container project overrides the individual project's build-variant setting during the build.

The one exception to this is the **All Enabled** variant in the container configuration. If the container configuration is set to build all enabled variants of a project, then only those variants that you've selected in the project's build-variant properties is built.

To build the default container configuration, you can also use the **Build** item in the right-click menu.

Importing a BSP or other QNX source packages

QNX BSPs and other source packages (e.g. DDKs) are distributed as **.zip** archives. The IDE lets you import these packages into the IDE:

When you import:	The IDE creates:
QNX BSP source package	A System Builder project
QNX C/C++ source package	A C or C++ application or library project

Step 1: Use File→Import...

You import a QNX source archive using the standard Eclipse import dialog:

☞   If you're importing a BSP, select **QNX Board Support Package**. If
you're importing a DDK, select **QNX Source Package**.

As you can see, you can choose to import either a QNX BSP or a
"source package." Although a BSP is, in fact, a package that contains
source code, the two types are structured differently and generates
different types of projects. If you try to import a BSP archive as a
QNX Source Package, the IDE won't create a System Builder project.

Step 2: Select the package

After you choose the type of package you're importing, the wizard presents you with a list of the packages found in **$QNX_TARGET/usr/src/archives** on your host:

Notice that as you highlight a package in the list, a description for that package is displayed.

To add more packages to the list:

1   Click the **Select Package...** button.

2   Select the `.zip` source archive you want to add.

Step 3: Select the source projects

Each source package contains several components (or *projects*, in IDE terms). For the package you selected, the wizard gives you a list of each source project contained in the archive:

You can decide to import only certain parts of the source package; simply uncheck the entries you don't want (they're all selected by default). Again, as you highlight a component, you'll see its description in the bottom pane.

Step 4: Select a working set

The last page of the import wizard lets you name your source projects. You can specify:

- Working Set Name — to group all related imported projects together as a set

- Project Name Prefix — for BSPs, this becomes the name of the System Builder project; for other source projects, this prefix lets you import the same source several times without any conflicts.

If you plan to import a source BSP *and* a binary BSP into the IDE, remember to give each project a different name.

☞ If you import dual-endian BSP's, the wizards displays this informational message:

If you add build variants, you need to copy the CPU-specific files to the new variant's build directories.

Step 5: Build

When you finish with the wizard, it creates all the projects and brings in the source from the archive. The wizard then asks if you want to build all the projects you've just imported.

☞ If you answer **Yes**, the IDE begins the build process, which may take several minutes (depending on how much source you've imported).

If you decide not to build now, you can always do a **Rebuild All** from the main toolbar's **Project** menu at a later time.

If you didn't import all the components from a BSP package, you can bring in the rest of them by selecting the System Builder project and opening the import wizard (right-click the project, then select **Import...**). The IDE detects your selection and then extends the existing BSP (rather than making a new one).

QNX BSP perspective

When you import a QNX Board Support Package, the IDE opens the QNX BSP perspective. This perspective combines the minimum elements from both the C/C++ Development perspective and the System Builder perspective:

Exporting projects

You can export projects to your filesystem or to `.zip` files by doing one of the following:

- Drag a file or folder from a project to your filesystem.

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Press Alt while dragging to *copy* the file or folder instead of *moving* it out of the project.

- Use the **Copy** (to copy) or **Cut** (to move) context-menu items, then **Paste** the file into your filesystem.

- Export to the filesystem using the **Export...** command.

● Export to a `.zip` file using the **Export...** command.

Using the Export... command

The Export wizard helps you export entire projects to your filesystem or a `.zip` file.

To export one or more projects:

1   Choose **File→Export...** (or **Export...** from the **Navigator** context menu).

The Export wizard appears.

2   To export your project to the filesystem, choose **File system**. To export your project to a **`.zip`** file, choose **Zip file**. Click **Next**.

The Export wizard's next panel appears.

3   Select the projects you want to export. You can also select or deselect specific files in each project.

To select files based on their extensions, click the **Select Types…** button. The Select Types dialog box appears.

Click one or more extensions, then click **OK** to filter the selected files in the Export wizard.

4 When you're done selecting projects and files, click **Finish**.

☞ If you export more than one project, and someone imports from the
resulting filesystem or **`.zip`** file, they'll get one project containing all
of the projects you exported.

Chapter 5

Debugging Programs

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This chapter shows you how to work with the debugger.

Introduction

One of the most frequently used tools in the traditional design-develop-debug cycle is the source-level debugger. In the IDE, this powerful tool provides an intuitive debugging environment that's completely integrated with the other workbench tools, giving you the flexibility you need to best address the problems at hand.

Have you ever had to debug several programs simultaneously? Did you have to use separate tools when the programs were written in different languages or for different processors? The IDE's source debugger provides a unified environment for multiprocess and multithreaded debugging of programs written in C, C++, Embedded C++, or Java. You can debug such programs concurrently on one or multiple remote target systems, or locally if you're doing Neutrino self-hosted development.

In order to use the full power of the Debug perspective, you must use executables compiled for debugging. These executables contain additional debug information that lets the debugger make direct associations between the source code and the binaries generated from

that original source. With QNX Make projects, an executable compiled for debugging has "_g" appended to its filename.

The IDE debugger uses GDB as the underlying debug engine. It translates each GUI action into a sequence of GDB commands, then processes the output from GDB to display the current state of the program being debugged.

The IDE updates the views in the Debug perspective only when the program is suspended.

☞　Editing your source after compiling causes the line numbering to be out of step because the debug information is tied directly to the source. Similarly, debugging an optimized binary can also cause unexpected jumps in the execution trace.

Debugging your program

Building an executable for debugging

Although you can debug a regular executable, you'll get far more control by building debug variants of the executables. When you created your project, you may have already set the option to cause the IDE to build an executable that's ready for debugging. If so, you should have executables with _g appended to the filename. If not, you must tell the IDE to build debug variants:

1　In the C/C++ Projects view (or the Navigator view), right-click the project and select **Properties**.

2　In the left pane, select **QNX C/C++ Project**.

3　In the right pane, select the **Build Variants** tab.

4　Under your selected build variants, make sure **Debug** is enabled:

5   Click **Apply**.

6   Click **OK**.

7   Rebuild your project (unless you're using the IDE's autobuild feature).

For more information about setting project options, see the Common Wizards Reference chapter.

Starting your debugging session

☞   For a full description of starting your programs and the launch configuration options, see the Launch Configurations Reference chapter.

After building a debug-enabled executable, your next step is to create a launch configuration for that executable so you can run and debug it:

1 From the main menu, select **Run→Debug…**. The launch configurations dialog appears.

2 Create a launch configuration as you normally would, but don't click **OK**.

3 Select the **Debugger** tab.

4   Make sure **Stop at main() on startup** is set.

5   Click **Apply**.

6   Click **Debug**.

☞   By default, the IDE automatically changes to the Debug perspective when you debug a program. If the default is no longer set, or if you wish to change to a different perspective when you debug, see the "Setting execution options" section in the Launch Configurations Reference chapter.

If launching a debugging session doesn't work when connected to the target with **qconn**, make sure **pdebug** is on the target in **/usr/bin**.

☞ Debugging sessions stay in the Debug perspective until you remove them. These consume resources on your development host *and* your debugging target. You can automatically delete the completed debug session by checking the **Remove terminated launches when a new launch is created** box on the **Run/Debug→Launching** pane of the Preferences dialog.

Controlling your debug session

☞ The contents of *all* views in the Debug perspective are driven by the selections you make in the Debug view.

The Debug view lets you manage the debugging or running of a program in the workbench. This view displays the stack frame for the suspended threads for each target you're debugging. Each thread in your program appears as a node in the tree. The view displays the process for each program you're running.

The Debug view shows the target information in a tree hierarchy as follows (shown here with a sample of the possible icons):

Session item	Description	Possible icons
Launch instance	Launch configuration name and type (e.g. **Stack Builder [C/C++ QNX QConn (IP)]**)	
Debugger instance	Debugger name and state (e.g. **QNX GDB Debugger (Breakpoint hit)**)	
Thread instance	Thread number and state (e.g. **Thread[1] (Suspended)**)	
Stack frame instance	Stack frame number, function, filename, and line number	

☞ The number beside the thread label is a reference counter for the IDE, *not* a thread ID (TID) number.

The IDE displays stack frames as child elements, and gives the reason for the suspension (e.g. end of stepping range, breakpoint hit, signal received, and so on). When a program exits, the IDE displays the exit code.

The label includes the thread's state. In the example above, the thread was suspended because the program hit a breakpoint. You can't suspend only one thread in a process; suspension affects *all* threads.

The Debug view also drives the C/C++ editor; as you step through your program, the C/C++ editor highlights the location of the execution pointer.

Using the controls

After you start the debugger, it stops (by default) in *main( )* and waits for your input. (For information about changing this setting, see the "Debugger tab" section in the Launch Configurations Reference chapter.)

The debugging controls appear in the following places (but not all together in any one place):

- at the top of the Debug view as buttons

- in the Debug view's right-click context menu

- in the main menu under **Run** (with hotkeys)

- in the C/C++ editor

The controls are superseded by breakpoints. For example, if you ask the program to step over a function (i.e. run until it finishes that function) and the program hits a breakpoint, the program pauses on that breakpoint, even though it hasn't finished the function.

The icons and menu items are context-sensitive. For example, you can use the **Terminate** action to kill a process, but not a stack frame.

Action	Icon	Hotkey	Description
Resume		F8	Run the process freely from current point.
Suspend			Regain control of the running process.
Terminate			Kill the process.
Restart			Rerun the process from the beginning.

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Action	Icon	Hotkey	Description
Resume without signal			Resume the execution of a process without delivering pending signals.
Step Into		F5	Step forward one line, going into function calls.
Step Over		F6	Step forward one line without going into function calls.
Run to return		F7	Finish this function.
Resume at line			Resume the execution of the process at the specified line. Using this action to change into a different function may cause unpredictable results.

You can control your debug session in various ways:

- from the Debug view

- using hotkeys

- from the C/C++ editor

From the Debug view

You'll probably use the Debug view primarily to control your program flow.

To control your debug execution:

1   In the Debug view, select the thread you wish to control.

2   Click one of the stepping icons (e.g. **Step Into**) in the **Debug** view's toolbar. Repeat as desired.

3   Finish the debug session by choosing one of the debug launch controls (e.g. **Disconnect**). For details, see the section "Debug launch controls" in this chapter.

Using hotkeys

Even if you're running your debug session without the Debug view showing, you can use the hotkeys (or the **Run** menu) to step through your program. You can enable the debug hotkeys in any perspective.

☞   You can easily customize these keys through the **Preferences** dialog:

To customize the debug hotkeys:

1   Choose **Window→Preferences** from the menu. The Preferences dialog is displayed.

2   Choose **Workbench→Keys** in the list on the left.

3   Choose **Run/Debug** in the **Category** drop-down. The commands for running and stepping through a program are displayed.

4   Select a command in the **Name** drop-down. Its scope, configuration, and current key sequence (if any) are listed in the **Assignments** box.

5   To assign this command to a new hotkey, click in the **Key sequence** box, then press the key(s) for your new hotkey.

6   Click the **Add** button to assign the newly created hotkey to the selected command.

7   Click **OK** to activate your new hotkeys.

From the C/C++ editor

You can control your debug session using the C/C++ editor by having the program run until it hits the line your cursor is sitting on (i.e. the `gdb until` command). If the program never hits that line, the program runs until it finishes.

You can also use the C/C++ editor's context menu to resume execution at a specific line, or to add a watch expression.

To use the C/C++ editor to debug a program:

1   In the editor, select a file associated with the process being debugged.

2   Left-click to insert the cursor where you want to interrupt the execution.

3   Right-click near the cursor and select **Run To Line**, **Resume at line** or **Add watch expression**.

☞ Note that **Run To Line** works only in the current stack frame. That is, you can use **Run to Line** within the currently executing function.

Debug launch controls

In addition to controlling the individual stepping of your programs, you can also control the debug session itself (e.g. terminate the session, stop the program, and so on) using the debug launch controls available in the Debug view (or in the view's right-click menu).

As with the other debug controls, these are context-sensitive; some are disabled depending on whether you've selected a thread, a process, and so on, in the Debug view.

Action	Icon	Description
Terminate	▣	Kill the selected process.
Terminate & Remove	▣	Kill the selected process and remove it from the Debug view.
Terminate All	▣	Kill all active processes in the Debug view.
Disconnect	⚡	Detach the debugger (i.e. **gdb**) from the selected process (useful for debugging attached processes).

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Action	Icon	Description
Remove All Terminated Launches		Clear all the killed processes from the Debug view.
Relaunch		Restart the process.

Disassembly mode

You can also examine your program as it steps into functions that you don't have source code for, such as *printf( )*. Normally, the debugger steps over these functions, even when you click **Step Into**. When the instruction pointer enters functions for which it doesn't have the source, the IDE shows the function in the Disassembly view.

To show the Disassembly view:

➤ From the menu, choose **Window→Show View→Disassembly**.

The workbench adds the Disassembly view to the Debug perspective.

More debugging features

Besides the Debug view, you'll find several other useful views in the Debug perspective:

To:	Use this view:
Inspect variables	Variables
Use breakpoints and watchpoints	Breakpoints
Evaluate expressions	Expressions
Inspect registers	Registers

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To:	Use this view:
Inspect a process's memory	Memory
Inspect shared library usage	Shared Libraries
Monitor signal handling	Signals
View your output	Console
Debug with GDB	Console

Inspecting variables

The Variables view displays information about the variables in the currently selected stack frame:

At the bottom of the view, the Detail pane displays the value of the selected variable (as evaluated by `gdb`).

☞ If you happen to have multiple variables of the same name, the one most in scope is evaluated.

When the execution stops, the changed values are highlighted in red (by default). Like the other debug-related views, the Variables view doesn't try to keep up with the execution of a running program; it updates the display only when execution stops.

You can decide whether or not to display the variable type (e.g. **int**) by clicking the **Show Type Names** toggle button (⚡).

You can also control whether or not the IDE tracks your program's variables. See the "Debugger tab" section in the Launch Configurations Reference chapter.

Inspecting global variables

By default, global variables aren't displayed in the Variables view. To add global variables to the view:

1   In the Variables view, click the **Add Global Variables** button ( ).

2   Select one or more symbols in the Selection Needed dialog.

3 Click **OK** to add the selected globals to the Variables view.

Changing variable values

While debugging a program, you may wish to manually change the value of a variable to test how your program handles the setting or to speed through a loop.

To change a variable value while debugging:

1 In the Variables view, right-click the variable and select the **Change Value…** item.

2 Enter the new value in the field.

☞ You can also change a variable's value in the Detail pane at the bottom of the Variables view. Click the value, change it, then press Ctrl – S to save the new value.

Controlling the display of variables

You can prevent the debugger from reading the value of variables from the target. You might use this feature for variables that are either very sensitive or specified as volatile.

To enable or disable a variable:

➤ In the Variables view, right-click the variable and select either **Enable** or **Disable**. (You can disable *all* the variables in your launch configuration. See the "Debugger tab" section in the Launch Configurations Reference chapter.)

To change a variable to a different type:

1 In the Variables view, right-click the variable.

2 Select one of the following:

Cast To Type. . .

Cast the variable to the type you specify in the field (e.g. **int**).

Restore Original Type

Cancel your **Cast To Type** command.

Format, followed by a type

Display the variable in a different format (e.g. hexadecimal).

Display As Array

Display the variable as an array with a length and start index that you specify. This option is available only for pointers.

Using breakpoints and watchpoints

The Breakpoints view lists all the breakpoints and watchpoints you've set in your open projects:

A *breakpoint* makes your program stop whenever a certain point in the program is reached. For each breakpoint, you can add conditions to better control whether or not your program stops.

A *watchpoint* is a special breakpoint that stops the program's execution whenever the value of an expression changes, without specifying where this may happen. Unlike breakpoints, which are line-specific, watchpoints are event-specific and take effect whenever a specified condition is true, regardless of when or where it occurred.

Object	Icon
Breakpoint	●
Watchpoint (read)	👓
Watchpoint (write)	✏
Watchpoint (read and write)	👓✏

If the breakpoint or watchpoint is for a connected target, the IDE places a check mark (✔) on the icon.

The rest of this section describes how to:

- add breakpoints

- add watchpoints

- set properties of breakpoints and watchpoints

- disable/enable breakpoints and watchpoints

Adding breakpoints

You set breakpoints on an executable line of a program. When you debug the program, the execution suspends *before* that line of code executes.

To add a breakpoint:

1   In the editor area, open the file that you want to add the breakpoint to.

2   Notice that the left edge of the C/C++ editor has a blank space called a *marker bar*.

3   With your pointer, hover over the marker bar beside the exact line of code where you want to add a breakpoint. Right-click the marker bar and select **Toggle Breakpoint**.

A dot appears, indicating the breakpoint:

A corresponding dot also appears in the Breakpoints view, along with the name of the file in which you set the breakpoint:.

To add a breakpoint at the entry of a function:

➤ In either the Outline or C/C++ Projects view, right-click a function and select **Toggle Breakpoint**.

Adding watchpoints

To add a watchpoint:

1   Right-click in the Breakpoints view and choose the **Add Watchpoint (C/C++)…** item.

2   Enter an expression in the field. The expression may be anything that can be evaluated inside an `if` statement. (e.g. `y==1`)

3   If you want the program to stop when it reads the watch expression, check **Read**; to have the program stop when it writes the expression, check **Write**.

4   Click **OK**. The watchpoint appears in the Breakpoints view list.

Setting properties of breakpoints and watchpoints

After you've set your breakpoint or watchpoint, the IDE unconditionally halts the program when:

- it reaches a line of code that the breakpoint is set on

  or:

- the expression specified by the watchpoint becomes true.

To set the properties for a breakpoint or watchpoint:

1   In the Breakpoints view, right-click the breakpoint or watchpoint and select the **Breakpoint Properties...** item. (For breakpoints only, in the C/C++ editor, right-click the breakpoint and select **Breakpoint Properties**.)

2   To restrict the breakpoint to a specific treads, make sure they are selected in the **Filtering** panel.

3   Use the **Common** panel to modify the watchpoint's behavior.

In the **Condition** field, enter the Boolean expression to evaluate. The expression may be anything that can be evaluated inside an `if` statement (e.g. `x > y`). The default is TRUE.

In the **Ignore Count** field, enter the number of times the breakpoint or watchpoint may be hit before it begins to take effect (not the number of times the condition is true). The default is 0.

4   Click **OK**. When in debug mode, your program stops when it meets the conditions you've set for the breakpoint or watchpoint.

Disabling/enabling breakpoints and watchpoints

You may wish to temporarily deactivate a breakpoint or watchpoint without losing the information it contains.

To disable or enable a breakpoint or watchpoint:

➤   In the Breakpoints view, right-click the breakpoint or watchpoint and select **Disable** or **Enable**. Clicking the check

box in the **Breakpoints** view (so the breakpoint is no longer selected) also disables the breakpoint.

For breakpoints only, right-click the breakpoint in the editor area and select **Disable Breakpoint** or **Enable Breakpoint**.

To disable or enable multiple breakpoints or watchpoints:

1   In the Breakpoints view, use any of the following methods to select the breakpoints:

- Select breakpoints and watchpoints while holding down the Ctrl key.
- Select a range of breakpoints and watchpoints while holding down the Shift key.
- From the main menu, select **Edit→Select All**.
- Right-click in the Breakpoints view and select **Select All**.

2   Right-click the highlighted breakpoints/watchpoints and select **Disable** or **Enable**.

Removing breakpoints and watchpoints

To remove one or more breakpoints/watchpoints:

➤ Select the breakpoint or watchpoint, right-click, then select **Remove** or **Remove All**.

Evaluating your expressions

The Expressions view lets you evaluate and examine the value of expressions:

☞ The Expressions view is similar to the Variables view; for more information, see the "Inspecting variables" section in this chapter.

To evaluate an expression:

1 Right-click the Expressions view, then choose **Add Watch Expression**.

2 Enter the expression you want to evaluate (e.g. **(x-5)*3**).

3 Click **OK**. The expression and its value appear in the Expressions view. When the debugger suspends the program's

execution, it reevaluates all expressions and highlights the changed values.

Inspecting your registers

The Registers view displays information about the registers in the currently selected stack frame. When the execution stops, the changed values are highlighted.

☞   The Registers view is similar to the Variables view; for more information, see the "Inspecting variables" section in this chapter.

You can also customize the colors in the Registers view and change the default value of the **Show Type Names** option.

Inspecting a process's memory

The Memory view lets you inspect and change your process's memory. The view consists of four tabs that let you inspect multiple sections of memory:

☞ QNX Neutrino uses a virtual-addressing model wherein each process has its own range of valid virtual addresses. This means that the address you enter into the Memory view must be a virtual address that's valid for the process you're debugging (e.g. the address of any variable). For more on QNX Neutrino's memory management, see the Process Manager chapter in the *System Architecture* guide.

Inspecting memory

The Memory view supports the same addressing as the C language. You can address memory using expressions such as **0x0847d3c**, **(&y)+1024**, and ***ptr**.

To inspect the memory of a process:

1 In the Debug view, select a process. Selecting a thread automatically selects its associated process.

2 In the Memory view, select one of the four tabs (labeled **Memory 1**, **Memory 2**, etc.).

3 In the **Address** field, type the address, then press Enter.

Changing memory

To change the memory of a process:

1 Follow the procedure for inspecting a process's memory.

2 In the memory pane, type the new value for the memory. The Memory view works in "type-over" mode; use the Tab and arrow keys to jump from byte to byte.

The changed memory appears in red.

⚠️ **CAUTION:** Changing a process's memory can make your program crash.

Configuring output format

You can configure your output to display hexadecimal or decimal. You can also set the number of display columns and the memory unit size. You can configure each memory tab independently.

To configure the output format:

1 In the Memory view, select one of the four tabs labeled **Memory 1**, **Memory 2**, and so on.

2 Right-click the pane and select the item you want to configure (**Format**, **Memory Unit Size**, or **Number of Columns**).

3 Choose your desired format; the output reflects your selection.

Note that some output formats look best in a monospaced font such as Courier.

Customizing the Memory view

You can customize the Memory view's colors and fonts. You can also customize some of its behavior.

To access the view's customization dialog:

1 From the menu, select **Window→Preferences**.

2 In the left pane, select **Run/Debug→Memory View**.

3 You can now change the colors, font, and behavior of the Memory view. When you're done, click **Apply**, then **OK**.

Inspecting shared-library usage

The Shared Libraries view shows you information about the shared libraries for the session you select in the Debug view. The view shows the name, start address, and end address of each library.

To load a library's symbols:

➤ Right-click a library and select **Load Symbols** (or **Load Symbols for All** for all your libraries).

Monitoring signal handling

The Signals view provides a summary of how your debugger handles signals that are intercepted before they're received by your program.

The view contains the following fields:

Name   The name of the signal

Pass   The debugger can filter out signals. If the signal is set to "no", the debugger prevents it from reaching your program.

Suspend   Upon receipt of a signal, the debugger can suspend your program as if it reached a breakpoint. Thus, you can step through your code and watch how your program handles the signal.

To change how the debugger handles a signal:

1   In the Signals view, select a signal (e.g. SIGINT) in the **Name** column.

2   Right-click the signal's name, then choose **Signal Properties…** from the menu.

3   In the signal's Properties dialog, check **Pass this signal to the program** to pass the selected signal to the program. Uncheck it to block this signal.

Check **Suspend the program when this signal happens** to suspend the program when it receives this signal. Uncheck it to let the program handle the signal as it normally would.

To send a signal to a suspended program:

1   In the Signals view, select a signal.

2   If the program isn't suspended, click the **Suspend** button (⏸) in the **View**.

3   In the Signals view, right-click your desired signal and select **Resume With Signal**. Your program resumes and the debugger immediately sends the signal.

☞   You can see a thread-by-thread summary of how your *program* handles signals using the Signal Information view. To learn more, see the "Mapping process signals" section in the Getting System Information chapter.

Viewing your output

The Console view shows you the output of the execution of your program and lets you supply input to your program:

The console shows three different kinds of text, each in a different default color:

● standard output (blue)

● standard error (red)

- standard input (green)

You can choose different colors for these kinds of text on the preferences pages.

To access the Console view's customization dialog:

1   From the menu, select **Window→Preferences**.

2   In the left pane, select **Run/Debug→Console**.

Debugging with GDB

The IDE lets you use a subset of the commands that the `gdb` utility offers:

To learn more about the `gdb` utility, see its entry in the *Utilities Reference* and the Using GDB appendix of the *Neutrino Programmer's Guide*.

Enabling the QNX GDB Console view

The QNX GDB Console view is part of the regular Console perspective but isn't accessible until you toggle to it. Once you do, GDB output appears in place of the regular Console view output.

To enable the QNX GDB Console view:

1   In the Debug view, select a debug session.

2   Click the **Display selected console** button ( ). The Console view changes to the QNX GDB Console view.

Using the QNX GDB Console view

The QNX GDB Console view lets you bypass the IDE and talk directly to GDB; the IDE is unaware of anything done in the QNX GDB Console view. Items such as breakpoints that you set from the QNX GDB Console view don't appear in the C/C++ editor.

☞ You can't use the Tab key for line completion because the commands are sent to GDB only when you press **Enter**.

To use the QNX GDB Console view:

➤ In the QNX GDB Console view, enter a command (e.g. **nexti** to step one instruction):

Building OS and Flash Images

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Use the QNX System Builder to create OS and Flash images for your target.

Introducing the QNX System Builder

One of the more distinctive tools within the IDE is the QNX System Builder perspective, which simplifies the job of building OS images for your embedded systems. Besides generating images intended for your target board's RAM or Flash, the QNX System Builder can also help reduce the size of your images (e.g. by reducing the size of shared libraries). The Builder also takes care of tracking library dependencies for you, prompting you for any missing components.

The QNX System Builder contains a Serial Terminal view for interacting with your board's ROM monitor or QNX Initial Program Loader (IPL) and for transferring images (using the QNX **sendnto** protocol). The QNX System Builder also has an integrated TFTP Server that lets you transfer your images to network-aware targets that can boot via the TFTP protocol.

When you open the QNX System Builder to create a project, you have the choice of importing/customizing an existing buildfile to generate an image or of creating one from scratch. The QNX System Builder editor lets you select which components (binaries, DLLs, libs) you want to incorporate into your system image. As you add a component,

the QNX System Builder automatically adds any shared libraries required for runtime loading. For example, if you add the **telnet** application to a project, then the QNX System Builder knows to add **libsocket.so** in order to ensure that **telnet** can run. And when you select a binary, a you'll see relevant information for that item, including its usage message, in the Binary Inspector view.

Using standard QNX embedding utilities (**mkifs**, **mkefs**), the QNX System Builder can generate configuration files for these tools that can be used outside of the IDE for scripted/automated system building. As you do a build, a Console view displays the output from the underlying build command. You can use the **mksbp** utility to build a QNX System Builder **project.bld** from the command-line; **mksbp** automatically calls **mkifs** or **mkefs**, depending on the kind of image being built.

Here's what the QNX System Builder perspective looks like:

One of the main areas in the QNX System Builder is the editor, which presents two panes side by side:

Images   Shows all the images you're building. You can add or
                remove binaries and other components, view their
                properties, etc.

Filesystem   Shows the components of your image arranged in a
                hierarchy, as they would appear in a filesystem on
                your target.

Toolbar buttons

Above the Images and Filesystem panes in the editor you'll find
several buttons for working with your image:

Add a new binary.

Add a new shared library.

Add a new DLL.

	Add a new symbolic link.
	Add a new file.
	Add a new directory.
	Add a new image.
	Run the System Optimizer.
	Rebuild the current project.
	Merge two or more images into a single image.

Binary Inspector

Below the Images and Filesystem panes is the QNX Binary Inspector view, which shows the usage message for any binary you select:

The Binary Inspector also has a **Use Info** tab that gives the selected binary's name, a brief description, the date it was built, and so on.

Boot script files

All QNX BSPs ship with a *buildfile*, which is a type of "control" file that gives instructions to the **mkifs** command-line utility to generate an OS image. The buildfile specifies the particular startup program, environment variables, drivers, etc. to use for creating the image. The *boot script* portion of a buildfile contains the sequence of commands that the Process Manager executes when your completed image starts up on the target.

☞   For details on the components and grammar of buildfiles, see the section "Configuring an OS image" in the chapter Making an OS Image in *Building Embedded Systems* as well as the entry for **mkifs** in the *Utilities Reference*.

The QNX System Builder perspective provides a convenient graphical alternative to the text-based buildfile method. While it hides most of the "gruesome" details from you, the QNX System Builder perspective also lets you see and work with things like boot scripts.

The QNX System Builder perspective stores the boot script for your project in a **.bsh** file.

If you double-click a **.bsh** file in the Navigator or System Builder Projects view, you'll see its contents in the editor.

QNX System Builder projects

Like other tools within the IDE, the QNX System Builder perspective is *project-oriented* — it organizes your resources into a project of related items. Whenever you create a project in the QNX System Builder perspective, you'll see a **project.bld** file in the Navigator or System Builder Projects view.

The **project.bld** file drives the System Builder editor; if you select the **project.bld**, you'll see your project's components in the Images and Filesystem panes, where you can add/remove items for the image you'll be building.

☞ As with most other tools in the IDE, you build your QNX System Builder projects using the standard Eclipse build mechanism via **Project→Build Project**.

The scope of the QNX System Builder

You can use the QNX System Builder throughout your product-development cycle:

● At the outset — to import a QNX BSP, generate a minimal OS image, and transfer the image to your board, just to make sure everything works.

● During development — to create an image along with your suite of programs and download everything to your eval board.

● For your final product — to strip out the extra utilities you needed during development, reduce libraries to their bare minimum size, and produce your final, customized, optimized embedded system.

☞ For details on importing a BSP, see the section "Importing a BSP or other QNX source packages" in the chapter Managing Source Code in this guide.

Overview of images

Before you use the QNX System Builder to create OS and Flash images for your hardware, let's briefly describe the concepts involved in building images so you can better understand the QNX System Builder in context.

This section covers the following topics:

● The components of an image, in order of booting

● Types of images you can create

● Project layout

- Overview of workflow

The components of an image, in order of booting

Neutrino supports a wide variety of CPUs and hardware configurations. Some boards require more effort than others to embed the OS. For example, x86-based machines usually have a BIOS, which greatly simplifies your job, while other platforms require that you create a complete IPL. Embedded systems can range from a tiny memory-constrained handheld computer that boots from Flash to an industrial robot that boots through a network to an SMP system with lots of memory that boots from a hard disk.

Whatever your particular platform or configuration, the QNX System Builder helps simplify the process of building images and transferring them from your host to your target.

☞   For a complete description of OS and Flash images, see the *Building Embedded Systems* guide.

The goal of the boot process is to get the system into a state that lets your program run. Initially, the system might not recognize disks, memory, or other hardware, so each section of code needs to perform whatever setup is needed in order to run the subsequent section:

1   The IPL initializes the hardware, makes the OS image accessible, and then jumps into it.

2   The startup code performs further initializations then loads and transfers control to the microkernel/process manager (`procnto`), the core runtime component of the QNX Neutrino OS.

3   The `procnto` module then runs the boot script, which performs any final setup required and runs your programs.

Typical boot order.

At reset, a typical processor has only a minimal configuration that lets code be executed from a known linearly addressable device (e.g. Flash, ROM). When your system first powers on, it automatically runs the IPL code at a specific address called the *reset vector*.

IPL

When the IPL loads, the system memory usually isn't fully accessible. It's up to the IPL to configure the memory controller, but the method depends on the hardware — some boards need more initialization than others.

When the memory is accessible, the IPL scans the Flash memory for the image filesystem, which contains the startup code (described in the next section). The IPL loads the startup header and startup code into RAM, and then jumps to the startup code.

The IPL is usually board-specific (it contains some assembly code) and as small as possible.

Startup

The startup code initializes the hardware by setting up interrupt controllers, cache controllers, and base timers. The code detects system resources such as the processor(s), and puts information about these resources into a centrally accessible area called the *system page*. The code can also copy and decompress the image filesystem components, if necessary. Finally, the startup code passes control, in virtual memory mode, to the **procnto** module.

The startup code is board-specific and is generally much larger than the IPL. Although a larger **procnto** module could do the setup, we separate the startup code so that **procnto** can be board-independent. Once the startup code sets up the hardware, the system can reuse a part of the memory used by startup because the code won't be needed again.

The **procnto** module

The **procnto** module is the core runtime component of the QNX Neutrino OS. It consists of the microkernel, the process manager, and some initialization code that sets up the microkernel and creates the process-manager threads. The **procnto** module is a required component of all bootable images.

The process manager handles (among other things) processes, memory, and the image filesystem. The process manager lets other processes see the image filesystem's contents. Once the **procnto** module is running, the operating system is essentially up and running. One of the process manager's threads runs the boot script.

Several variants of **procnto** are available (e.g. **procnto-400** for PowerPC 400 series, **procnto-smp** for x86 SMP machines, etc.).

Boot script

If you want your system to load any drivers or to run your program automatically after power up, you should run those utilities and programs from the boot script. For example, you might have the boot script run a **devf** driver to access a Flash filesystem image and then run your program from that Flash filesystem.

When you build your image, the boot script is converted from text to a tokenized form and saved as **/proc/boot/.script**. The process manager runs this tokenized script.

Types of images you can create

The IDE lets you create the following images:

OS image (**.ifs** file)

> An image filesystem. A bootable image filesystem holds the **procnto** module, your boot script, and possibly other components such as drivers and shared objects.

Flash image (**.efs** file)

> A Flash filesystem. (The "e" stands for "embedded.") You can use your Flash memory like a hard disk to store programs and data.

Combined image

> An image created by joining together any combination of components (IPL, OS image, embedded filesystem image) into a single image. You might want to combine an IPL with an OS image, for example, and then download that single image to the board's memory via a ROM monitor, which you could use to burn the image into Flash. A combined image's filename extension indicates the file's format (e.g. **.elf**, **.srec**, etc.).

If you plan on debugging applications on the target, you must include **pdebug** in **/usr/bin**. If the target has no other forms of storage, include it in the OS image or Flash image.

BSP filename conventions

In our BSP docs, buildfiles, and scripts, we use a certain filename convention that relies on a name's prefixes and suffixes to distinguish types:

Part of filename	Description	Example
.bin	Suffix for binary format file.	**ifs-artesyn.bin**
.build	Suffix for buildfile.	**sandpoint.build**

continued...

Part of filename	Description	Example
efs-	Prefix for QNX Embedded Filesystem file; generated by **mkefs**.	**efs-sengine.srec**
.elf	Suffix for ELF (Executable and Linking Format) file.	**ipl-ifs-mbx800.elf**
ifs-	Prefix for QNX Image Filesystem file; generated by **mkifs**.	**ifs-800fads.elf**
ipl-	Prefix for IPL (Initial Program Loader) file.	**ipl-eagle.srec**
.openbios	Suffix for OpenBIOS format file.	**ifs-walnut.openbios**
.prepboot	Suffix for Motorola PRePboot format file.	**ifs-prpmc800.prepboot**
.srec	Suffix for S-record format file.	**ifs-malta.srec**

☞ The QNX System Builder uses a somewhat simplified convention. Only a file's three-letter extension, *not* its prefix or any other part of the name, determines how the QNX System Builder should handle the file.

For example, an OS image file is always a **.ifs** file in the QNX System Builder, regardless of its format (ELF, binary, SREC, etc.). To determine a file's format in the IDE, you'll need to view the file in an editor.

OS image (**.ifs** file)

The OS image is a bootable image filesystem that contains the startup header, startup code, **procnto**, your boot script, and any drivers needed to minimally configure the operating system:

Startup header

Startup

Image
filesystem

procnto

Boot script

devf-*

Generally, we recommend that you keep your OS image as small as possible to realize the following benefits:

- Memory conservation — When the system boots, the entire OS image gets loaded into RAM. This image isn't unloaded from RAM, so extra programs and data built into the image require more memory than if your system loaded and unloaded them dynamically.

- Faster boot time — Loading a large OS image into RAM can take longer to boot the system, especially if the image must be loaded via a network or serial connection.

- Stability — Having a small OS image provides a more stable boot process. The fewer components you have in your OS image, the lower the probability that it fails to boot. The components that must go in your image (startup, **procnto**, a Flash driver or network components, and a few shared objects) change rarely, so they're less subject to errors introduced during the development and maintenance cycles.

If your embedded system has a hard drive or CompactFlash (which behaves like an IDE hard drive), you can access the data on it by including a block-oriented filesystem driver (e.g. **devb-eide**) in your OS image filesystem and calling the driver from your boot script. For details on the driver, see **devb-eide** in the *Utilities Reference*.

If your system has an onboard Flash device, you can use it to store your OS image and even boot the system directly from Flash (if your

board allows this — check your hardware documentation). Note that an OS image is read-only; if you want to use the Flash for read/write storage, you'll need to create a Flash filesystem image (**.efs** file).

Flash filesystem image (**.efs** file)

Flash filesystem images are useful for storing your programs, extra data, and any other utilities (e.g. **qconn**, **ls**, **dumper**, and **pidin**) that you want to access on your embedded system.

If your system has a Flash filesystem image, you should include a **devf*** driver in your OS image and start the driver in your boot script. While you can mount an image filesystem only at **/**, you can specify your own mountpoint (e.g. **/myFlashStuff**) when you set up your **.efs** image in the IDE. The system recognizes both the **.ifs** and **.efs** filesystems simultaneously because the process manager transparently overlays them. To learn more about filesystems, see the Filesystem chapter in the QNX Neutrino *System Architecture* guide.

Combined image

For convenience, the IDE can join together any combination of your IPL, OS image, and **.efs** files into a single, larger image that you can transfer to your target:

When you create a combined image, you specify the IPL's path and filename on your host machine. You can either select a precompiled IPL from among the many BSPs that come with QNX Momentics PE, or compile your own IPL from your own assembler and C source.

☞ The QNX System Builder expects the source IPL to be in ELF format.

Padding separates the IPL, `.ifs`, and `.efs` files in the combined image.

Padding after the IPL

The IPL can scan the entire combined image for the presence of the startup header, but this slows the boot process. Instead, you can have the IPL scan through a range of only two addresses and place the startup header at the first address.

Specifying a final IPL size that's larger than the actual IPL lets you modify the IPL (and change its length) without having to modify the scanning addresses with each change. This way, the starting address of the OS image is independent of the IPL size.

☞ You must specify a padding size greater than the total size of the IPL to prevent the rest of the data in the combined image file from partially overwriting your IPL.

Padding before `.ifs` images

If your combined image includes one or more `.efs` images, specify an alignment equal to the block size of your system's onboard Flash. The optimized design of the Flash filesystem driver requires that all `.efs` images begin at a block boundary. When you build your combined image, the IDE adds padding to align the beginning of the `.efs` image(s) with the address of the next block boundary.

Project layout

A single QNX System Builder project can contain your `.ifs` file and multiple `.efs` files, as well as your startup code and boot script. You can import the IPL from another location or you can store it inside the project directory.

By default, your QNX System Builder project includes the following parts:

Item	Description
Images directory	The images and generated files that the IDE creates when you build your project.
Overrides directory	When you build your project, the IDE first looks in this directory for a directory matching the image being built. Any files in that directory are used to satisfy the build requirements before searching the standard locations. You can use the **Overrides**/*image_name* directory to easily test a change to your build. You must create the *image_name* subdirectory yourself and populate it with the override files your image needs.
Reductions directory	The IDE lets you reduce your image size by eliminating unused libraries, and shrinking the remaining libraries. The IDE stores the reduced libraries in the **Reductions**/*image_name* directory (where *image_name* is the name of the image being built).
.project file	Information about the project, such as its name and type. All IDE projects have a **.project** file.

continued...

Item	Description
`.sysbldr_meta` file	Information about the properties specific to a QNX System Builder project. This file describes where the IDE looks for files (including the `Overrides` and `Reductions` directories), the location of your IPL file, how the IDE includes `.efs` files, and the final format of your `.ifs` file.
`project.bld` file	Information about the structure and contents of your `.ifs` and `.efs` files. This file also contains your boot script file.
`.bsh` file	Contains the boot script for your project.

Overview of workflow

Here are the main steps involved in using the IDE to get Neutrino up and running on your board:

- Creating a QNX System Builder project for an OS or a Flash image for your board. The process is very simple if a BSP exists for your board. If an exact match isn't available, you may be able to modify an existing BSP to meet your needs.

- Building your project to create the image.

- Transferring the OS image to your board. You might do this initially to verify that the OS image runs on your hardware, and then again (and again) as you optimize your system.

- Configuring your projects.

- Optimizing your system by reducing the size of the libraries.

Creating a project for an OS image

To create a new QNX System Builder Project:

1   From the main menu, select **File→New→Project**.

2   Expand **QNX**, then select **QNX System Builder Project**. Click **Next**.

3   Name your project and click **Next**.

4   At this point, you can either import an existing buildfile (as shipped with your QNX BSPs) or select a generic type (e.g. "Generic PPCBE").

☞ We recommend that you select **Import Existing Buildfile**, rather than a generic option. Creating a buildfile requires a working knowledge of *boot script grammar* (as described in the entry for `mkifs` in the *Utility Reference* and in the *Building Embedded Systems* manual).

> Click the **Browse...** button to select an existing buildfile. Refer to your BSP docs for the proper `.build` file for your board. You can find buildfiles for all the BSPs installed on your system in `C:/QNX630/target/qnx6/`*processor*`/boot/build/` on your Windows host. (For Neutrino, Linux, or Solaris hosts, see the appendix Where Files Are Stored in this guide.)
>
> If you're creating a generic buildfile, select your desired platform from the drop-down list.

5 Click **Finish**. The IDE creates your new project, which includes all the components that make up the OS image.

Creating a project for a Flash filesystem image

To create a Flash filesystem project:

1 From the main menu, select **File→New→Project**.

2 Expand **QNX**, then select **QNX System Builder EFS Project** in the right. Click **Next**.

3 Name your project and click **Next**.

4 Specify your target hardware (e.g. "Generic ARMLE").

5   Click **Finish**. The IDE creates your new EFS project, which includes a "generic" **.efs** image; you'll likely need to specify the block size, image size, and other properties to suit the Flash on your particular board.

Building an OS image

You build your QNX System Builder projects using the standard Eclipse build mechanism:

➤ From the main menu, select **Project→Build | Build Project**.

You can also build projects using the context menu:

1   In the Navigator or System Builder Projects view, right-click the project.

2 Select build.

The System Builder Console view shows the output produced when you build your images:

Output can come from any of these utilities:

- **mkefs**

- **mkifs**

- **mkimage**

- **mkrec**

- **objcopy**

For more information, see their entries in the *Utilities Reference*.

You can clear the view by clicking the **Clear Output** button ( ).

Create new image

You can create a new image for your QNX System Builder project by

using the **Add New Image** icon ( ) in the toolbar:

1 Click the **Add New Image** icon in the toolbar.

The IDE displays the Create New Image dialog box:

2   Use the Create New Image dialog to:

- **Duplicate Selected Image** — create a duplicate of the currently selected image with the given name.

- **Import Existing Buildfile** — generate the new image using an existing build file.

- **Create Generic IFS image** — create an empty IFS for the specified platform.

- **Create Generic EFS image** — create an empty EFS for the specified platform.

3   Click **OK** to create the new image and add it to your project.

Combine images

As mentioned earlier, the QNX System Builder lets you create a combined image. You use the **Combine images** icon ( ) to:

- add an IPL to the start of your image

- append an EFS to your image

- set the final format of your image

Adding an IPL to the start of your image

To add an IPL to the start of your image:

1   In the Image view, select your image.

2   Click the **Combine image(s)** icon ( ).

3   In the Create New Image dialog box, check **Add IPL**.

4   Enter the IPL filename (or select it by clicking the browse icon).

5   In the **Pad IPL to:** field, select padding equal to or greater than the size of your IPL.

⚠ **CAUTION:** If the padding is less than the size of the IPL, the image won't contain the complete IPL.

6   Click **OK**.

☞   If you get a File Not Found error while building, make sure the **Build with profiling** option is unchecked in all of the C/C++ projects in the BSP working set, then rebuild all of the projects.

Right-click on a project, then choose **Properties** and select **QNX C/C++ Project** to view the **Build with profiling** setting.

Adding an EFS to your image

To append a Flash filesystem to your image:

1   In the **Append EFS** section of the Create New Image dialog, check **Append EFS**.

2   In the **Alignment** field, select the granularity of the padding. The padding is a multiple of your selected alignment.

3   Click **OK**.

Setting the final format of your OS image

You use the **Final Processing** section of the Create New Image dialog to set the final format for your image.

To change the final format of your OS image:

1   In the **Final Processing** section of the Create New Image dialog, check the **Final Processing** box.

2   In the **Offset** field, enter the board-specific offset. This setting is generally used for S-Record images.

3   In the **Format** field, select the format from the dropdown menu (e.g. SREC, Intel hex records, binary.)

4   Click **OK**.

For more information of the final processing of an OS image, see **mkrec** in the *Utilities Reference*.

Downloading an image to your target

Many boards have a *ROM monitor*, a simple program that runs when you first power on the board. The ROM monitor lets you communicate with your board via a command-line interface (over a serial or Ethernet link), download images to the board's system memory, burn images into Flash, etc.

The QNX System Builder has two facilities you can use to communicate with your board:

- serial terminals (up to four)

- TFTP server

☞ If your board doesn't have a ROM monitor, you probably can't use the download services in the IDE; you'll have to get the image onto the board some other way (e.g. JTAG). To learn how to connect to your particular target, consult your hardware and BSP documentation.

Downloading via a serial link

With the QNX System Builder's builtin serial terminals, you don't need to leave the IDE and open a serial communications program (e.g. HyperTerminal) in order to talk to your target, download images, etc.

The Terminal view implements a very basic serial terminal, supporting only the following control sequences: `0x00` (NUL), `0x07` (bell), `0x08` (backspace), `0x09` (horizontal tab), `0x0a` (newline), and `0x0d` (carriage return).

To open a terminal:

➤ From the main menu, select **Show View→Other...**, then select **QNX System Builder→Terminal** *N* (where *N* is 1 to 4).

The Terminal view lets you set standard communications parameters (baud rate, parity, data bits, stop bits, and flow control), choose a port (COM1 or COM2), send a BREAK command, and so on.

To communicate with your target over a serial connection:

1 Connect your target and host machine with a serial cable.

2 Specify the device (e.g. COM 2) and the communications settings in the view's menu:

You can now interact with your target by typing in the view.

☞ Under Solaris, the Terminal view's **Device** menu may list all available devices twice:

and display the following message on the console used to launch `qde`:

```
#unexpected error in javax.comm native code
Please report this bug
SolarisSerial.c, cond_wait(), rv=1 ,errno=0
```

This is a known problem, and can be safely ignored.

When a connection is made, the **Send File** button changes from its disabled state ( ) to its enabled state ( ), indicating that you can now transfer files to the target.

To transfer a file using the Serial Terminal view:

1   Using either the Serial Terminal view or another method (outside the IDE), configure your target so that it's ready to receive an image. For details, consult your hardware documentation.

2   In the Serial Terminal view, click the **Send File** button ( ).

3   In the Select File to Send dialog, enter the name of your file (or click **Browse**).

4   Select a protocol (e.g. `sendnto`).

☞   The QNX `sendnto` protocol sends a sequence of records (including the start record, data records, and a go record). Each record has a sequence number and a checksum. Your target must be running an IPL (or other software) that understands this protocol.

5   Click **OK**. The QNX System Builder transmits your file over the serial connection.

☞   You can click the **Cancel** button to stop the file transfer:

Downloading via TFTP

The QNX System Builder's TFTP server eliminates the need to set up an external server for downloading images (if your target device supports TFTP downloads). The TFTP server knows about all QNX System Builder projects in the system and automatically searches them for system images whenever it receives requests for service.

When you first open the TFTP Server view (in any perspective), the QNX System Builder starts its internal TFTP server. For the remainder of the current IDE session, the TFTP server listens for incoming TFTP transfer requests and automatically fulfill them.

☞   Currently, the QNX System Builder's internal server supports only TFTP *read* requests; you can't use the server to write files from the target to the host development machine.

The TFTP Server view provides status and feedback for current and past TFTP transfers. As the internal TFTP server handles requests, the view provides visual feedback:

Each entry in the view shows:

- TFTP client IP address/hostname

- requested filename

- transfer progress bar

- transfer status message

Transferring a file

To transfer a file using the TFTP Server view:

1   Open the TFTP Server view. The internal TFTP server starts.

2   Using either the QNX System Builder's serial terminal or
another method, configure your target to request a file
recognized by the TFTP server. (The TFTP Server view
displays your host's IP address.) During the transfer, the view
shows your target's IP address, the requested file, and the
transfer status.

You can clear the TFTP Server view of all completed transactions by
clicking its clear button ( ).

☞ The internal TFTP server recognizes files in the **Images** directory of all open QNX System Builder projects; you don't need to specify the full path.

Transferring files that aren't in **Images**

⚠ **CAUTION:** The IDE deletes the content of the **Images** directory during builds — don't use this directory to transfer files that the QNX System Builder didn't generate. Instead, configure a new path, as described in the following procedure.

To enable the transfer of files that aren't in the **Images** directory:

1   From the main menu, select **Window**→**Preferences**.

2   In the left pane of the Preferences dialog, select **QNX**→**Connections**→**TFTP Server**.

3   Check **Other Locations**.

4   Click **Add Path**, and then select your directory from the Browse For Folder dialog.

5   Click **Apply**.

6   Click **OK**. The TFTP server is now aware of the contents of your selected directory.

Downloading using other methods

If your board doesn't have an integrated ROM monitor, you may not be able transfer your image over a serial or TFTP connection. You'll have to use some other method instead, such as:

- CompactFlash — copy the image to a CompactFlash card plugged into your host, then plug the card into your board to access the image.

  Or:

- Flash programmer — manually program your Flash with an external programmer.

  Or:

- JTAG/ICE/emulator — use such a device to program and communicate with your board.

For more information, see the documentation that came with your board.

Configuring your QNX System Builder projects

In order to use the QNX System Builder to produce your final embedded system, you'll likely need to:

- add/remove image items

- configure the properties of an image and its items

- configure the properties of the project itself

As mentioned earlier, every QNX System Builder project has a `project.bld` file that contains information about your image's boot script, all the files in your image, and the properties of those files.

If you double-click the `project.bld`, you'll see your project's components in the Images and Filesystem panes in the editor area, as well as a Properties view:

Managing your images

The Images pane shows a tree of all the files in your image, sorted by type:

- binaries

- shared libraries

- symbolic links

- DLLs

- other files

- directories

Adding files to your image

When you add files, you can either browse your host filesystem or select one or more files from a list of search paths:

Browse method   If you choose files by browsing, you'll probably want to configure the project to use an *absolute path* so that the IDE always finds the exact file you

specified (provided you keep the file in the same location). Note that other users of your project would also have to reproduce your setup in order for the IDE to locate files.

Select method   Select files from a preconfigured list of search locations. We recommend that you use this option because it's more flexible and lets others easily reproduce your project on their hosts. You can add search paths to the list.

Note that the IDE saves only the filename. When you build your project, the IDE follows your search paths and uses the first file that matches your specified filename. If you specify a file that isn't in the search path, the build will be incomplete. To learn how to configure your search paths, see the section "Configuring project properties" in this chapter.

To add items to your image:

1   In the Images pane, right-click the image and select **Add Item**, followed by the type of item you want to add:

- Binary
- Shared Library
- DLL
- Symbolic Link
- File
- Directory
- Image

☞ If you select **Image**, the QNX System Builder displays the Create New Image dialog.

2 Select an item (e.g. **Binary**) from the list.

3 Select either the **Search using the project's search paths** or the **Use selected absolute path(s)** option. (We recommend using search paths, because other users would be able to recreate your project more easily.)

4 Click **OK**. The QNX System Builder adds the item to your image, as you can see in the **Images** pane.

Deleting files

➤ In either the Images or Filesystem pane, right-click your file and select **Delete**.

Adding directories

To add a directory to your image:

1 In the Filesystem pane, right-click the parent directory and select **Add Item→Directory**.

2 Specify the directory name, path, and image name. Some fields are filled in automatically.

3 Click **Finish**. Your directory appears in the Filesystem pane.

☞ You can also add a directory by specifying the path for an item in the **Location In Image** field in the Properties view. The IDE includes the specified directory as long as the item remains in your image.

Deleting directories

➤ In either the Images or Filesystem pane, right-click your directory and select **Delete**.

☞ A deleted directory persists if it still contains items. To completely remove the directory, delete the reference to the directory in the **Location In Image** field in the Properties view for all the items in the directory.

Configuring image properties

The Properties view lets you see and edit the properties of an image or any of its items:

To change the properties of an image or item:

1 In the Images or Filesystem pane, select an image or one of its items.

2 In the Properties view, select an entry in the **Value** column. The value is highlighted; for some fields (e.g. CPU Type), a dropdown menu appears.

3 Type a new value or select one from the dropdown menu.

4 Press Enter.

5 Save your changes.

6 Rebuild your project.

Different properties appear for images and for the items in an image:

- Image properties

  - Combine
  - Directories
  - General
  - System (**.ifs**)
  - System (**.efs**)

- Item properties

  - General
  - Memory
  - Permissions

Image properties

Combine

These settings control how images are combined with your System Builder project. For example, you can control how the EFS is aligned, what format the resulting image is, the location of the IPL, its image offset, and whether or not the IPL is padded to a certain size or not.

Directories

These settings control the default permissions for directories that you add to the image, as well as for any directories that the tools create when you build your system. For example, if you add **/usr/bin/ksh** to your system, the IDE automatically creates the **usr** and **bin** directories. (For more information on permissions, see the Managing User Accounts chapter in the Neutrino *User's Guide* and the **chmod** entry in the *Utilities Reference*.)

Note that the values for permissions are given in *octal* (e.g. **777**, which means the read, write, and execute bits are set for the user, group, and other categories).

General

> **Boot Script** (`.ifs` only)
>
> > Name of the file that contains the boot script portion of a buildfile. Boot script files have a `.bsh` extension (e.g. `prpmc800.bsh`).
>
> **Compressed** (`.ifs` only)
>
> > If set to something other than **No**, the QNX System Builder compresses the directory structure (image filesystem) section of the image. The directory structure includes `procnto`, the boot script, and files. You might enable compression if you want to save on Flash space or if the BIOS/ROM monitor limits the size of your image.
>
> **CPU Type**   Your target's processor (e.g. **armle**).
>
> **Create Image**   If **Yes**, the IDE builds this image when you build your project.
>
> **Image Name**   Name of the `.ifs` file saved in the `Images` directory during a build.
>
> **Page Align Image?**
>
> > If **Yes**, files in the image are aligned on page boundaries.
>
> **Remove File Time Stamps?**
>
> > If **Yes**, file timestamps are replaced by the current date/time.

System (`.ifs`)

> **Auto Link Shared Libs?**
>
> > If **Yes**, shared libraries referenced by the image's binaries are automatically included in the image.
>
> **Boot File**   The image filter that the QNX System Builder uses (e.g. **srec**, **elf**) to perform further processing on the

image file. For example, **srec** converts the image to the Motorola S-Record format. (For more about image filters, see **mkifs** in the *Utilities Reference*.)

Image Address

The base address where the image is copied to at boot time. For XIP, set this to the same location as your image file on Flash memory and specify the read/write memory address with the **RAM Address** value, described below.

Procnto Which **procnto** binary to use (e.g. **procnto-600**, **procnto-600-SMP**, etc.).

Procnto/Startup Symbol Files?

If **Yes**, include debugging symbol files for **procnto** and the system startup code.

Procnto $LD_LIBRARY_PATH

Path(s) where **procnto** should look for shared libraries. Separate the paths with a colon (**:**).

Procnto $PATH

Path(s) where **procnto** should look for executables. Separate the paths with a colon (**:**).

Procnto Arguments

Command-line arguments for **procnto**.

RAM Address

The location of your read/write memory. For XIP, set the address; otherwise, set the value to **Default**. (Note that **RAM Address** is the **ram** attribute in the **mkifs** utility.)

Startup Which startup binary to use (e.g. **startup-bios**, **startup-rpx-lite**, etc.).

Startup Arguments

> Command-line arguments for the startup program.

System`(.efs)`

These settings control the format and size of your Flash filesystem image. Unless otherwise specified, the values are in bytes, but you can use the suffixes `K`, `M`, or `G` (e.g. `800`, `16K`, `2M`, `4G`). The IDE immediately rejects invalid entries.

Block Size   The size of the blocks on your Flash.

Filesystem Type

> The type of Flash filesystem to create. Use the default (**ffs3**) unless you specifically need compatibility with older software that requires **ffs2** format images.

Filter   The filter to use with this image, usually **flashcmp**. (The **mkefs** utility calls **flashcmp**. You can use any valid command-line argument, such as **flashcmp -t zip**.

Image Mount Point

> The path where the filesystem is mounted in the filesystem. By default, the location is `/`.

Maximum Image Size

> The limit for the size of the generated image. If the image exceeds the maximum size, **mkefs** fails and reports an error in the System Builder Console view. The default setting of 4GB accommodates most images.

Minimum Image Size

> The minimum size of the embedded filesystem. If the size of the filesystem is less than this size after all the specified files have been added, then the

filesystem is padded to the required size. The
default is 0 (i.e. no padding occurs).

Spare Blocks   The number of spare blocks to be used by the
embedded filesystem. If you want the embedded
filesystem to be able to reclaim the space taken up
by deleted files, set the number of spare blocks to 1
or more. The default is 1.

Item properties

General

Absolute Location

The offset in the image for this item's data, in bytes.

Filename   The name of the file for this item (e.g.
`devc-ser8250`).

Image Name   The name of the image in which this item resides.

Include In Image

If **Yes**, the QNX System Builder includes this item
when it builds the image.

Location In Image

The directory where the item lives. If you change
this setting, the directory location shown in the
Filesystem pane changes as well.

☞   Symbolic links also have a **Linked To** field for the source file.

Optional Item?

If **Yes**, this item is considered optional. It's
excluded from the image if the image is too large to
fit in the architecture-specific maximum image size.

Strip File   By default, `mkifs` strips usage messages,
debugging information, and Photon resources from

> executable files that you include in the image. Doing this helps reduce the size of the image. To keep this information, select **No**. See **mkifs** (especially the **+raw** attribute) and **strip** in the *Utilities Reference*.

☞   Set this field to **No** if your image includes PhAB applications.

Memory

Use these two settings (which apply to **.ifs** files only) to specify whether a program's code and data segments should be used directly from the image filesystem (**Use In Place**) or copied when invoked (**Copy**). For more information, see the **code** attribute in the **mkifs** documentation.

Code Segment

Copy this item's code segment into main memory, or **Use In Place** to run the executable directly from the image.

Data Segment

Copy this item's data segment into main memory, or **Use In Place** to use it directly from the image.

Permissions

Use these settings to specify the read/write/execute permissions (in octal) assigned to each item, as well as the item's group and user IDs.

Configuring project properties

The Properties dialog for your QNX System Builder project (right-click the project, then select **Properties**) lets you view and change the overall properties of your project. For example, you can add dependent projects and configure search paths.

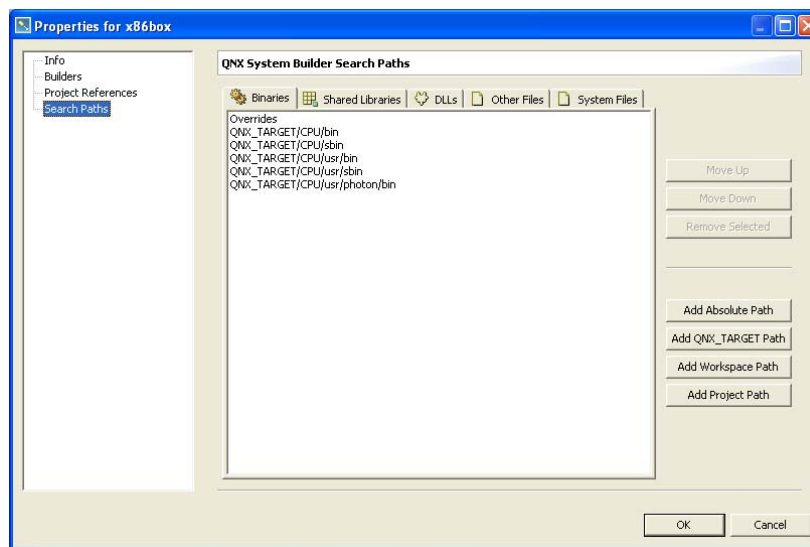The dialog includes the following sections:

- Info

- External Tools Builders

- Project Preferences

- Search Paths

☞ For information on external tools, follow these links in the Eclipse *Workbench User Guide*: **Tasks→Building resources→Running external tools**.

Search Paths

The **Search Paths** pane lets you configure where the IDE looks for the files you specified in your `project.bld` file:

The IDE provides separately configurable search paths for:

- binaries

- shared libraries

- DLLs

- other files

- system files

To add a search path:

1   In the Navigator or System Builder Projects view, right-click your project and select **Properties**.

2   In the left pane, select **Search Paths**.

3   In the right pane, select one of the following tabs:

- **Binaries**
- **Shared Libraries**
- **DLLs**
- **Other Files**
- **System Files**

4   Click one of the following buttons:

- **Add Absolute Path** — a hard-coded path
- **Add QNX_TARGET Path** — a path with a $**QNX_TARGET** prefix
- **Add Workspace Path** — a path with a $**WORKSPACE** prefix
- **Add Project** — a path with a $**WORKSPACE**/*projectName* prefix

The Browse For Folder or Search Projects dialog appears.

5   Select your path or project and click **OK**. The IDE adds your path to the end of the list.

To manage your search paths:

1   In the **Search Path** section of the Properties dialog, select one of the following tabs:

- **Binaries**
- **Shared Libraries**

- **DLLs**
- **Other Files**
- **System Files**

2   Select a path, then click one of these buttons:

- **Move Up**
- **Move Down**
- **Remove Selected**

CAUTION: The `Overrides` directory must be first in the list. The `Reductions`/*image_name* directory, which is listed in the **Shared Libraries** tab, must be second in the list.

Changing the order of the `Overrides` or `Reductions` directories may cause unexpected behavior.

3   Click **OK**.

Search path variables

You can use any of the following environment variables in your search paths; these are replaced by their values during processing:

- **QNX_TARGET**

- **QNX_TARGET_CPU**

- **WORKSPACE**

- **PROJECT**

- **CPU**

- **CPUDIR**

Optimizing your system

Since "less is better" is the rule of thumb for embedded systems, the QNX System Builder's System Optimizer and the Dietician help you optimize your final system by:

- reducing the size of shared libraries for your image

- performing system-wide optimizations to remove unnecessary shared libraries, add required shared libraries, and reduce the size of *all* shared libraries in the system

CAUTION: If you reduce a shared library, and your image subsequently needs to access binaries on a filesystem (disk, network, etc.) that isn't managed by the QNX System Builder, then the functions required by those unmanaged binaries may not be present. This causes those binaries to fail on execution.

In general, shared-library optimizers such as the Dietician are truly useful only in the case of a finite number of users of the shared libraries, as you would find in a closed system (i.e. a typical embedded system).

If you have only a small number of unmanaged binaries, one workaround is to create a *dummy Flash filesystem image* and add to this image the binaries you need to access. This dummy image is built with the rest of the images, but it can be ignored. This technique lets the Dietician be aware of the requirements of your runtime system.

Optimizing all libraries in your image

To optimize all the libraries in an image:

1   In the Navigator or System Builder Projects view, double-click your project's **project.bld** file.

2   In the toolbar, click the **Optimize System** button ( ).

3   In the System Optimizer, select the optimizations that you want to make:

Remove unused libraries

> When you select this option, the Dietician inspects your entire builder project and ensures that all shared libraries in the system are required for proper operation. If the QNX System Builder finds libraries that no component in your project actually needs, you'll be prompted to remove those libraries from your project.

Add missing libraries

> This option causes the Dietician to inspect your entire project for missing libraries. If any binaries, DLLs, or shared libraries haven't met load-time library requirements, you'll be prompted to add these libraries to your project.

Apply diet(s) system wide

> This option runs the Dietician on all the libraries selected. The diets are applied *in the proper order* so that runtime dependencies aren't broken. If you were to do this by hand, it's possible that the dieting of one shared library could render a previously dieted shared library non-functional. The order of operations is key!

☞ To ensure that your image works and is as efficient as possible, you should select all three options.

4   Click **Next**. You'll see a list of the libraries scheduled to be removed, added, or put on a diet. Uncheck the libraries that you don't want included in the operation, then move to the next page.

5   Click **Finish**. The System Optimizer optimizes your libraries; the dieted libraries appear in your project's **Reductions**/*image_name* directory.
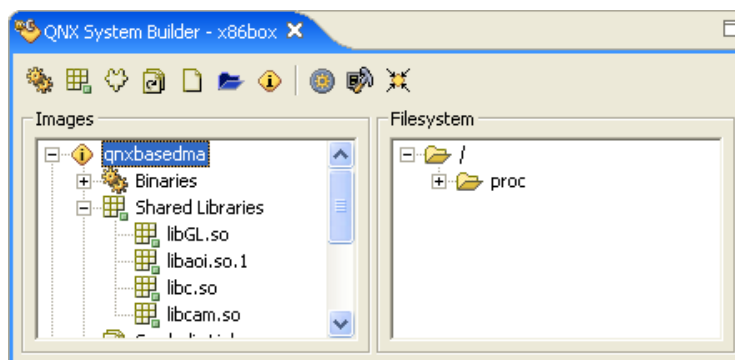
Optimizing a single library

Optimizing a single library doesn't reduce the library as effectively as optimizing *all* libraries simultaneously, because the System Optimizer accounts for dependencies.

To reduce a library such as **libc** using the Dietician, you must iteratively optimize each individual library in your project between two and five times (depending on the number of dependency levels).
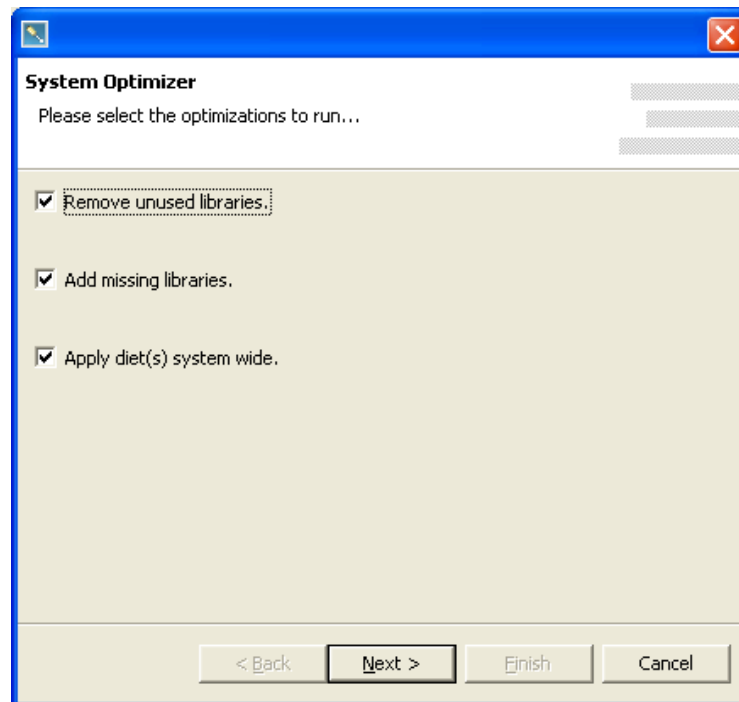
You can reduce a single library to its optimum size if it has no dependencies.
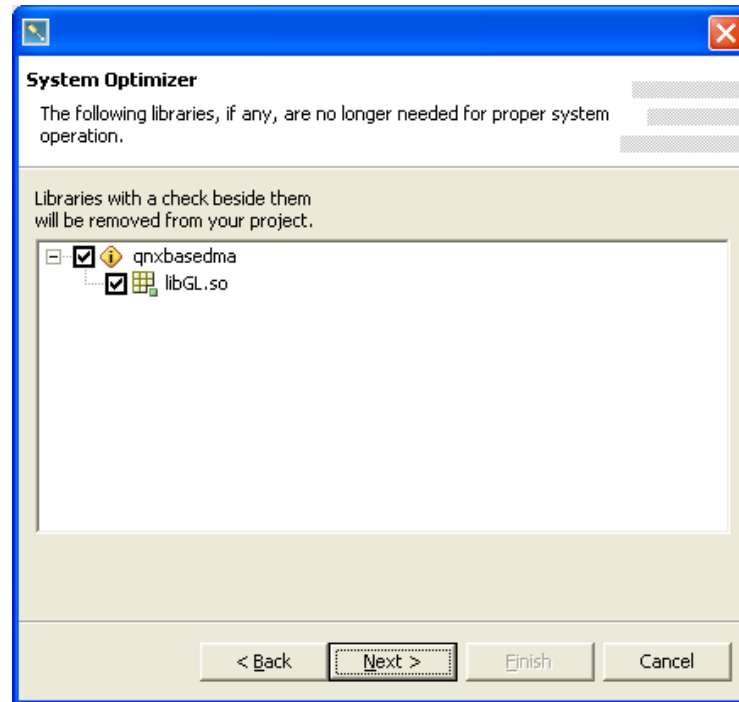
To optimize a single library in an image:

1 If your project isn't already open, double-click its **project.bld** file in the Navigator or System Builder Projects view.

2 In the QNX System Builder editor, expand the **Shared Libraries** list and select the library you want to optimize.
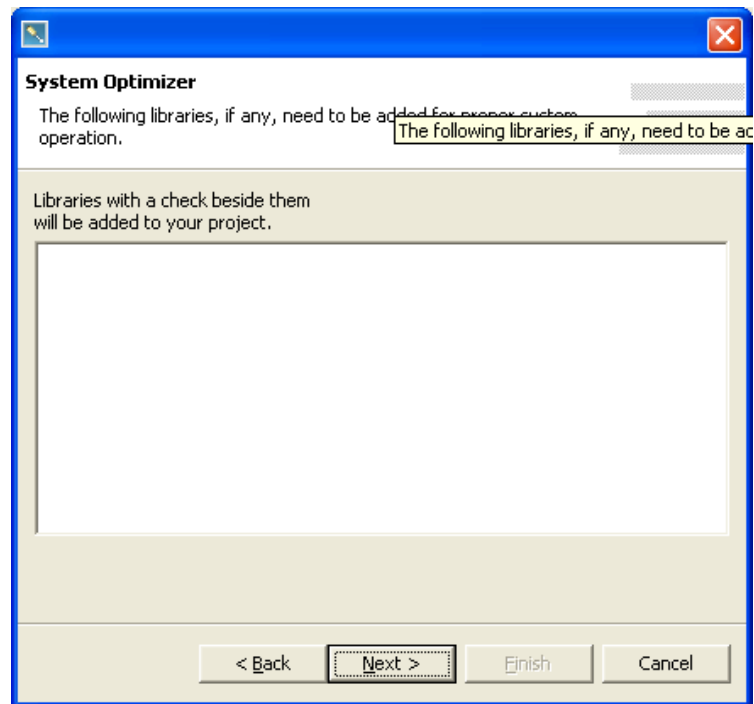

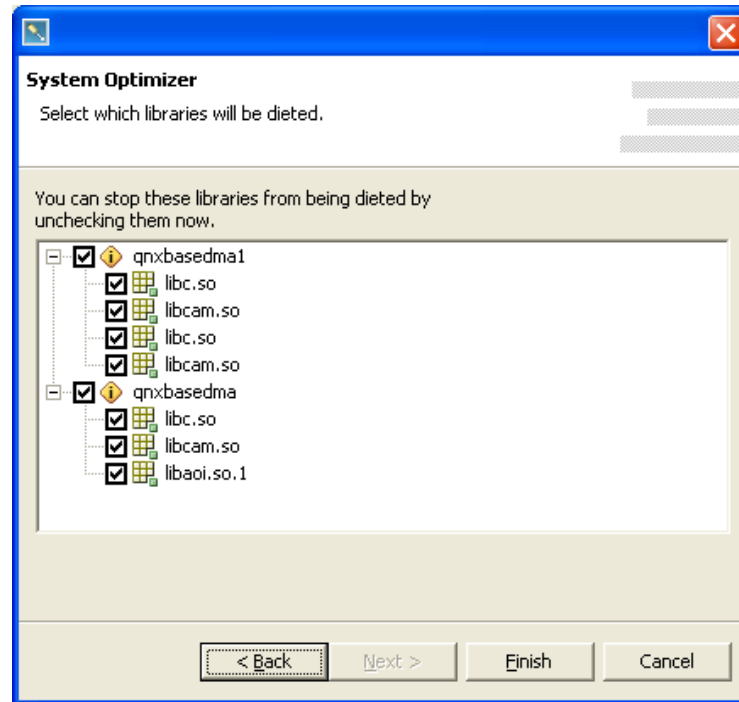**3** In the toolbar, click the **Optimize System** button ( ).

4   In the **System Optimizer**, select the **Apply diet(s) system wide** option.

5   Click **Next**. The Dietician shows the unnecessary libraries (if any).

6   Click **Next**. The Dietician shows any additional needed
libraries (if any).

System Optimizer

The following libraries, if any, need to be added for proper system operation.

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Libraries with a check beside them will be added to your project.

`< Back` `Next >` `Finish` `Cancel`

7   Click **Next**. The Dietician shows the libraries that can be optimized (if any).

8   Click **Finish**. The Dietician removes unused libraries, adds the
         additional required libraries, and generates new, reduced
         libraries. Reduced libraries are added to your project's
         Reductions/*image_name* directory.

Restoring a slimmed-down library

If after reducing a library, you notice that your resulting image is too
"slim," you can manually remove the reduced library from the
Reductions directory, and then rebuild your image using a standard,
"full-weight" shared library.

To restore a library to its undieted state:

1   In the Navigator or System Builder Projects view, open the
         Reductions directory in your project. This directory contains
         the dieted versions of your libraries.

2   Right-click the library you want to remove and select **Delete**. Click **OK** to confirm your selection. The IDE deletes the unwanted library; when you rebuild your project, the IDE uses the undieted version of the library.

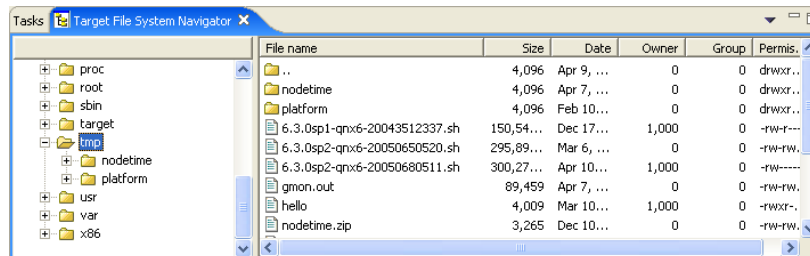# Moving files between the host and target

The IDE's Target File System Navigator view lets you easily move files between your host and a filesystem residing on your target.

☞   If you haven't yet created a target system, you can do so right from within the Target File System Navigator view:

➤ Right-click anywhere in the view, then select **Add New Target**.

The view displays the target and directory tree in the left pane, and the contents of the selected directory in the right pane:

☞   If the Target File System Navigator view has only one pane, click the dropdown menu button (▼) in the title bar, then select **Show table**. You can also customize the view by selecting **Table Parameters** or **Show files in tree**.

Note that the Target File System Navigator view isn't part of the default QNX System Builder perspective; you must manually bring the view into your current perspective.

To see the Target File System Navigator view:

1 From the main menu, select **Window→Show View→Other…**.

2 Select **QNX Targets**, then double-click Target File System Navigator.

Moving files to the target

You can move files from your host machine to your target using copy-and-paste or drag-and-drop methods.

To copy files from your host filesystem and paste them on your target's filesystem:

1 In a file-manager utility on your host (e.g. Windows Explorer), select your files, then select **Copy** from the context menu.

2 In the left pane of the Target File System Navigator view, right-click your destination directory and select **Paste**.

☞ To convert files from DOS to Neutrino (or Unix) format, use the `textto -l` *filename* command. (For more information, see `textto` in the *Utilities Reference*.)

To drag-and-drop files to your target:

➤ Drag your selected files from any program that supports drag-and-drop (e.g. Windows Explorer), then drop them in the Target File System Navigator view.

This is not supported on Neutrino hosts.

Moving files from the target to the host

To copy files from your target machine and paste them to your host's filesystem:

1 In the Target File System Navigator view, right-click a file, then select **Copy to→File System**. The Browse For Folder dialog appears.

☞ To import files directly into your workspace, select **Copy to**→**Workspace**. The Select Target Folder dialog appears.

2   Select your desired destination directory and click **OK**.

To move files to the host machine using drag-and-drop:

➤ Drag your selected files from the Target File System Navigator view and drop them in the Navigator or System Builder Projects view.
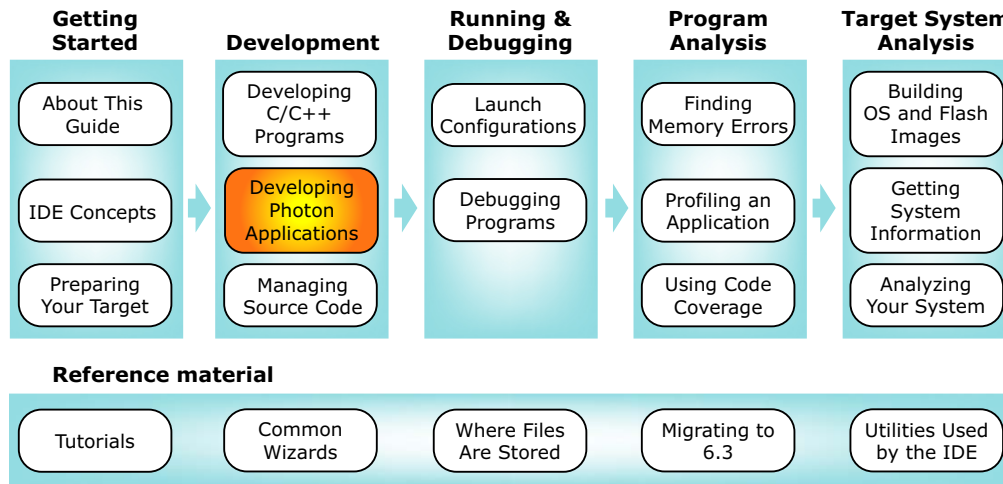
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Developing Photon Applications

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Use the PhAB visual design tool to develop Photon apps.

What is PhAB?

The Photon microGUI includes a powerful development tool called *PhAB* (Photon Application Builder), a visual design tool that generates the underlying C/C++ code to implement your program's UI.

With PhAB, you can dramatically reduce the amount of programming required to build a Photon application. You can save time not only in writing the UI portion of your code, but also in debugging and testing. PhAB helps you get your applications to market sooner and with more professional results.

PhAB lets you rapidly prototype your applications. You simply select widgets, arrange them as you like, specify their behavior, and interact with them as you design your interface.

PhAB's opening screen looks like this:

PhAB and the IDE

The IDE frequently runs command-line tools such as **gdb** and **mkefs** "behind the scenes," but PhAB and the IDE are separate applications; each runs in its own window. You can create files, generate code snippets, edit callbacks, test your UI components, etc. in PhAB, while you continue to use the IDE to manage your project as well as debug your code, run diagnostics, etc.

PhAB was originally designed to run under the Photon microGUI on a QNX Neutrino host, but the **phindows** ("Photon in Windows") utility lets you run PhAB on a Windows host as well. The IDE lets you see, debug, and interact with your target Photon application right from your host machine as if you were sitting in front of your target machine.

Using PhAB

In most respects, using PhAB inside the IDE is the same as running PhAB as a standalone application.

☞ For a full description of PhAB's functionality, see the Photon *Programmer's Guide*.

Creating a QNX Photon Appbuilder project

In order to use PhAB with the IDE, you must create a QNX Photon Appbuilder project to contain your code. This type of project contains tags and other information that let you run PhAB from within the IDE.

To create a PhAB Project:

1   From the workbench menu, select **File→New→Project...**.

2   In the list, select **QNX**.

3   Select **Photon Appbuilder Project**.

4   Click **Next**.

5   Name your project.

6   Ensure that **Use default** is checked. Don't use a different
        location.

7   Click **Next**.

8   Select your target architecture. Be sure to set one of your
        variants as the default variant (select the variant, then click the
        Default button).

☞ If you wish to set any other options for this project, click the remaining tabs and fill in the fields. For details on the tabs in this wizard, see "New C/C++ Project wizard tabs" in the Common Wizards Reference chapter.

9 Click **Finish**.

The IDE creates your project, then launches PhAB. (In Windows, the IDE also creates a **Console for PhAB** window.)

Closing PhAB

To end a PhAB session:

➤ From PhAB's main menu, select **File→Exit**.

☞ In Windows, don't end a PhAB session by clicking the **Close** button in the top-right corner of the PhAB window; clicking this button closes the `phindows` utility session without letting PhAB itself shut down properly. Subsequent attempts to restart PhAB may fail.

To recover from improperly closing PhAB:

1 Close the **Console for PhAB** window.

2 Reopen your QNX Photon Appbuilder project.

Reopening PhAB

➤ To reopen your QNX Photon Appbuilder project, open the **Project** menu and click **Open Appbuilder**.

Editing code

You can edit the code in your QNX Photon Appbuilder project using both PhAB and the IDE. Using PhAB, you can control the widgets and the overall layout of your program; using either PhAB or the IDE, you can edit the code that PhAB generates and specify the behavior of your callbacks.

To use PhAB to edit the code in a QNX Photon Appbuilder project:

1 In the C/C++ Projects view, select a QNX Photon Appbuilder project.

2 Click the **Open Appbuilder** button in the toolbar ( ). PhAB starts, then opens your project.

☞   If for some reason the **Open Appbuilder** button isn't in the C/C++ perspective's toolbar:

    1   From the main menu, select **Window→Customize Perspective**.

    2   In the left pane, select **Other→Photon Appbuilder Actions**.

    3   Check **Photon Appbuilder Actions**.

    4   Click **OK**. The **Open Appbuilder** button (📝) appears in the toolbar.

To use the IDE to edit the code in a QNX Photon Appbuilder project:

➤ In the C/C++ Projects view, double-click the file you want to edit. The file opens in an editor.

If a file that you created with PhAB doesn't appear in the C/C++ Projects view, right-click your project and select **Refresh**.

☞   Editing files using two applications can increase the risk of accidentally overwriting your changes. To minimize this risk, close the file in one application before editing the file in the other.

Building a QNX Photon Appbuilder project

You build a QNX Photon Appbuilder project in exactly the same way as other projects. (For information on building projects, see the "Building projects" section in the Developing Programs chapter.)

To build a QNX Photon Appbuilder project:

➤ In the C/C++ Projects view, right-click your QNX Photon Appbuilder project and select **Build**. The IDE builds your project.

Starting Photon applications

You can connect to a Photon session from a Windows or QNX Neutrino host machine and run your Photon program as if you were sitting in front of the target machine. Photon appears in a **phindows** window on your Windows host or in a **phditto** window on your QNX Neutrino host.

The remote Photon session runs independently of your host. For example, the clipboards don't interact, and you can't drag-and-drop files between the two machines. The **phindows** and **phditto** utilities transmit your mouse and keyboard input to Photon and display the resulting state of your Photon session as a bitmap on your host machine.

Before you run a remote Photon session on a Windows host, you must first prepare your target machine. (For details, see the "Connecting with Phindows" section in the Preparing Your Target chapter.)

To start a remote Photon session:

> ➤ In the Target Navigator view, right-click a target and select **Launch Remote Photon**.
>
> Photon appears in a Phindows window.

You can start a Photon application you created in PhAB in exactly the same way that you launch any other program in the IDE. By default, the program opens in the target machine's main Photon session. (For more on launching, see the Launch Configurations Reference chapter in this guide.)

To run your Photon program in a remote Photon session window:

1 In the remote Photon session, open a command window (e.g. a terminal from the shelf).

2 In the command window, enter:
   echo $PHOTON

   The target returns the session, such as **/dev/ph1470499**. The number after **ph** is the process ID (PID).

3 In the IDE, edit the launch configuration for your QNX Photon Appbuilder project.

4 Select the **Arguments** tab.

5 In the **C/C++ Program Arguments** field, enter **-s** followed by the value of **$PHOTON**. For example, enter **-s /dev/ph1470499**.

6 Click **Apply**, then **Run** or **Debug**. Your remote Photon program opens in the **phindows** or **phditto** window on your host machine.

☞ If you close and reopen a remote Photon session, you must update your launch configuration to reflect the new PID of the new session.

Chapter 8

Profiling an Application

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This chapter shows you how to use the application profiler.

Introducing the Application Profiler

The QNX Application Profiler perspective lets you examine the overall performance of programs, no matter how large or complex, without following the source one line at a time. Whereas a debugger helps you find errors in your code, the QNX Application Profiler helps you pinpoint "sluggish" areas of your code that could run more efficiently.

The QNX Application Profiler perspective.

Types of profiling

The QNX Application Profiler lets you perform:

- statistical profiling

- instrumented profiling

- postmortem profiling (on standard `gmon.out` files)

Statistical profiling

The QNX Application Profiler takes "snapshots" of your program's execution position every millisecond and records the current address being executed. By sampling the execution position at regular intervals, the tool quickly builds a summary of where the system is spending its time in your code.

With statistical profiling, you don't need to use instrumentation, change your code, or do any special compilation. The tool profiles your programs nonintrusively, so it doesn't bias the information it's collecting.

Note, however, that the results are subject to statistical inaccuracy because the tool works by sampling. Therefore, the *longer* a program runs, the more accurate the results.

Instrumented profiling

If you build your executables with profiling enabled, the QNX Application Profiler can provide *call-pair* information (i.e. which functions called which). When you build a program with profiling enabled, the compiler inserts snippets of code into your functions in order to report the addresses of the called and calling functions. As your program runs, the tool produces an exact count for every call pair.

Postmortem profiling

The IDE lets you examine profiling information from a `gmon.out` file produced by an instrumented application. The tool gives you all the information you'd get from the traditional `gprof` tool, but in graphical form. You can examine `gmon.out` files created by your programs, whether you built them using the IDE or the `qcc -p` command. For more on the `gprof` utility, go to `www.gnu.org`; for `qcc`, see the *Utilities Reference*.

Profiling your programs

Whether you plan to do your profiling in real time or postmortem (using a `gmon.out` file), you should build your programs with profiling enabled before you start a profiling session.

This section includes these topics:

- Building a program for profiling

- Running and profiling a process

- Profiling a running process

- Postmortem profiling

☞ If you already have a **gmon.out** file, you're ready to start a postmortem profiling session.

Building a program for profiling

Although you can profile any program, you'll get the most useful results by profiling executables built for debugging and profiling. The debug information lets the IDE correlate executable code and individual lines of source; the profiling information reports call-pair data.

This table shows the application-profiling features that are possible with the various build variants:

Feature	Release version	Debug version	Release v. & profiling	Debug v. & profiling
Call pairs	No	No	Yes	Yes
Statistical sampling	Yes (function level)	Yes	Yes (function level)	Yes
Line profiling	No	Yes	No	Yes
Postmortem profiling	No	No	Yes	Yes

To build executables with debug information and profiling enabled:

1 In the C/C++ Projects view, right-click your project and select **Properties**.

2 In the left pane, select **QNX C/C++ Project**.

3   In the right pane, select the **Options** tab.

4   Check the **Build with Profiling** option:

5   Select the **Build Variants** tab and check the **Debug** variant for your targets.

☞

The QNX Application Profiler uses the information in the debuggable executables to correlate lines of code in your executable and the source code. To maximize the information you get while profiling, use executables with debug information for both running and debugging.

6   Click **Apply**.

7   Click **OK**.

8   Rebuild your project.

☞ To build a Standard Make C/C++ project for profiling, compile and link using the **-p** option. For example, your **Makefile** might have a line like this:

```
CFLAGS=-p CXXFLAGS=-p LDFLAGS=-p
```

Running and profiling a process

To run and profile a process, with **qconn** on the target:

1 Create a **QNX Application** launch configuration for an executable with debug information as you normally would, but don't click **OK**. You may choose either a **Run** or a **Debug** session.

2 On the launcher, click the **Tools** tab.

3 Click **Add/Delete Tool**. The **Select tools to support** dialog appears.

4 Enable the **QNX Application Profiler** tool.

5 Click **OK**.

6 On the launcher, click the **QNX Application Profiler** tab:

7 Fill in these fields:

Profiler update interval (ms)

> Use this option to control how often the Profiler polls for data. A low setting causes continuous (but low) network traffic and fast refresh rates. A high setting causes larger network data bursts and may cause higher memory usage on the target because the target must buffer the data. The default setting of 1000 should suffice.
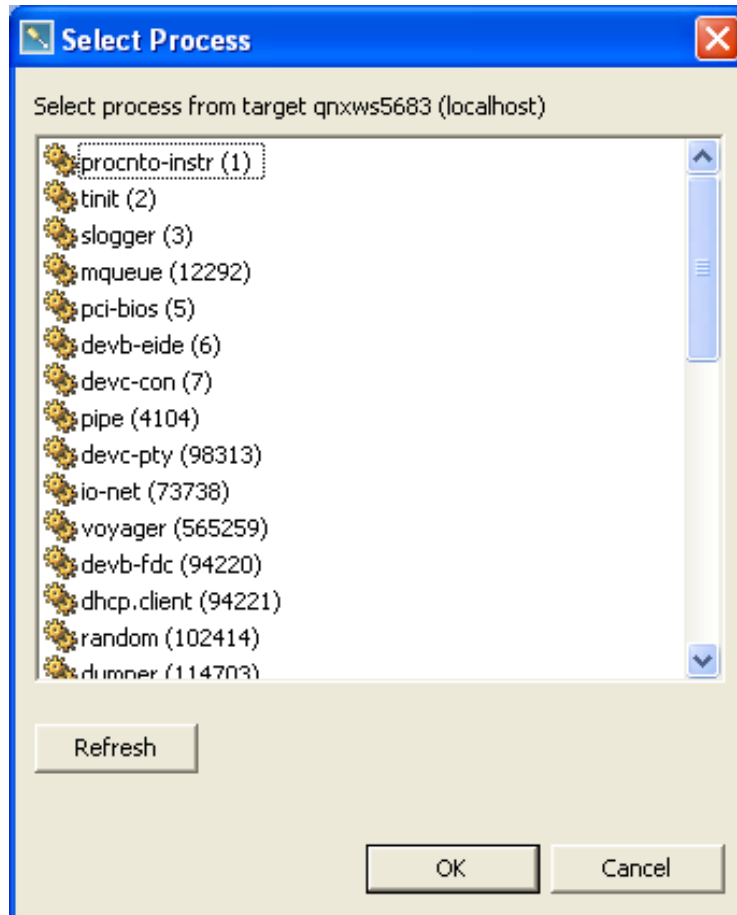
Shared library paths

> The IDE doesn't know the location of your shared library paths, so you must specify the directory containing any libraries that you wish to profile. For a list of the library paths that are automatically included in the search path, see the appendix Where Files Are Stored.

Switch to this tool's perspective on launch.

> Check this option to automatically switch to the QNX Application Profiler perspective when this launch configuration is used.

8 If you want the IDE to automatically change to the QNX Application Profiler perspective when you run or debug, check the **Switch to this tool's perspective on launch.** box.

9 Click **Apply**.

10 Click **Run** or **Debug**. The IDE starts your program and profiles it.

☞ To produce full profiling information with function timing data, you need to run the application as **root**. This is the case when running through **qconn**.

If you run the application as a normal user, the profiler can generate only call-chain information.

Profiling a running process

To profile a process that's already running on your target:

1 While the application is running, open the Launch Configurations dialog by choosing **Run→Debug. . .** from the menu.

2 Select **C/C++ QNX Attach to Process w/QConn (IP)** in the list on the left.

3 Click the **New** button to create a new attach-to-process configuration.

4 Configure things as you normally would for launching the application with debugging.

5 On the **Tools** tab, click **Add/Delete Tool. . .**. The Tools Selection dialog appears.

6 Enable the **QNX Application Profiler** tool, then click **OK**.

7 On the launcher, click the **Application Profiler** tab:

8 Fill in these fields:

Profiler update interval (ms)

> You use this option to control how often the Profiler polls
> for data. A low setting causes continuous (but low)
> network traffic and fast refresh rates. A high setting
> causes larger network data bursts and may cause higher
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> see the appendix Where Files Are Stored.

Switch to this tool's perspective on launch.

> Check this to automatically switch to the QNX
> Application Profiler perspective when using this launcher.

9 Click **Apply**, then click **Debug**. The Select Process dialog is displayed, showing all of the currently running processes:

10 Select the process you want to profile, then click **OK**.

☞　Your running application won't generate call-pair information unless you ran it with the **QCONN␣PROFILER** environment variable set to **/dev/profiler**.

If you're launching the application from the IDE, add **QCONN␣PROFILER** to the **Environment** tab of the launch configuration's Properties dialog.

If you're running the application from the command line, you can simply add **QCONN␣PROFILER** to your shell environment, or the application's command-line:

```
QCONN␣PROFILER=/dev/profile ./appname
```

Postmortem profiling

The IDE lets you profile your program after it terminates, using the traditional **gmon.out** file. Postmortem profiling doesn't provide as much information as profiling a running process:

- Multithreaded processes aren't supported. Thus, the Thread Processor Usage view always shows the totals of all your program's threads combined as one thread.

- Call-pair information from shared libraries and DLLs isn't shown.

Profiling a **gmon.out** file involves three basic steps:

- gathering profiling information into a file

- importing the file into your workspace

- starting the postmortem profiling session

Gathering profiling information

The IDE lets you store your profiling information in the directory of your choice using the **PROFDIR** environment variable.

To gather profiling information:

1 Create a launch configuration for a *debuggable* executable as you normally would, but don't click **Run** or **Debug**.

☞ You must have the QNX Application Profiler tool *disabled* in your launch configuration.

2 Select the **Environment** tab.

3 Click **New**.

4 In the **Name** field, type **PROFDIR**.

5 In the **Value** field, enter a valid path to a directory on your target machine.

6 Click **OK**.

7 Run your program. When your program exits successfully, it creates a new file in the directory you specified. The filename format is *pid*.*fileName* (e.g. **3047466.helloworld_g**). This is the **gmon.out** profiler data file.

Importing a **gmon.out** file

You can bring existing **gmon.out** files that you created outside the IDE into your workspace from your target system.

To import a **gmon.out** file into your workspace:

1 Open the Target File System Navigator view (**Window**→**Show View**→**Other...**→**QNX Targets**→**Target File System Navigator**).

2 In the Target File System Navigator view, right-click your file and select **Copy to...**→**Workspace**. The **Select target folder** dialog appears.

3 Select the project related to your program.

4 Click **OK**.

5 In the C/C++ Projects view, right-click the file you imported into your workspace and select **Rename**.

6 Enter `gmon.out` (or `gmon.out.`*n*, where *n* is any numeric character). The IDE renames your file.

Starting a postmortem profiling session

To start the postmortem profiling session:

1 In the C/C++ Projects view, right-click your `gmon.out` file and select **Open in QNX Application Profiler**. The Program Selection dialog appears.

2 Select the program that generated the `gmon.out` file.

3 Click **OK**. You can now profile your program in the QNX Application Profiler perspective.

Controlling your profiling sessions

The Application Profiler view (**Window**→**Show View**→**Other...**→**QNX Application Profiler**→**Application Profiler**) lets you control multiple profiling sessions simultaneously. You can:

- terminate applications

- choose the executable or library to show profiling information for in the Sampling Information, Call Information, and Thread Processor Usage views

The Application Profiler view displays the following as a hierarchical tree for each profiling session:

Session item	Description	Possible icons
Launch instance	Launch configuration name and launch type (e.g. **prof201 [C/C++ QNX QConn (IP)]**)	
Profiled program	Project name and start time (e.g. **prof201 on localhost pid 4468773 (3/4/03 12:41 PM)**)	
Application Profiler instance	Program name and target computer (e.g. **Application Profiler Attached to: prof201 <4468773> on 10.12.3.200**)	
Executable		
Shared libraries		
DLLs		
Unknown		

To choose which executable or library to display information for in the QNX Application Profiler perspective:

➤ In the Application Profiler view, click one of the following:

- the QNX Application Profiler instance
- an executable
- a shared library
- a DLL

To terminate an application running on a target:

1 In the Application Profiler view, select a launch configuration.

2 Click the **Terminate** button (▣) in the view's title bar.

☞ To clear old launch listings from this view, click the **Remove All Terminated Launches** button (✖).

To disconnect from an application running on a target:

1 In the Application Profiler view, select a running profiler.

2 Click the **Disconnect** button (⚲) in the view's title bar.

☞ To clear old launch listings from this view, click the **Remove All Terminated Launches** button (✖).

Understanding your profiling data

For each item you select in the Application Profiler view, other views within the QNX Application Profiler perspective display the profiling information for that item:

This view:	Shows:
Application Profiler	Usage by line
Sampling Information	Usage by function
Thread Processor Usage	Usage by thread
Call Information	Call counts

Usage by line

The Application Profiler editor lets you see the amount of time your program spends on each line of code and in each function.

To open the editor:

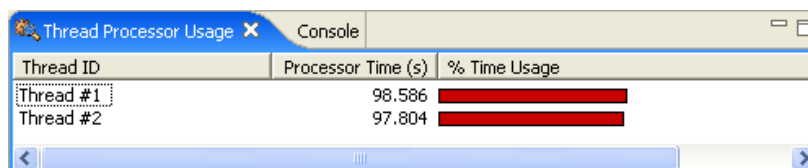**1**   Launch a profile session for a debuggable (i.e. _g) executable.

2   In the Application Profiler view, select your program by selecting an Application Profiler instance ( ) or an executable ( ).

3   In the Sampling Information or Call Information view, double-click a function that you have the source for. The IDE opens the corresponding source file in the Application Profiler editor:

☞   You may get incorrect profiling information if you change your source after compiling, because the Application Profiler editor relies on the line information provided by the debuggable version of your code.

The Application Profiler editor displays a bar graph on the left side. The bars are color coded:

Green   CPU time spent within the function as a percentage of the program's total CPU time. The green bar appears on the first line of executable code in the function.

Orange   CPU time spent on a line of code as a percentage of the program's total CPU time. Within a function, the lengths of the orange bars add up to the length of the green bar.

Blue   CPU time spent on a line of code as a percentage of the function's total CPU time. Within a function, the sum of all the blue bars spans the width of the editor's margin.

To view quantitative profiling values:

➤   In the Application Profiler editor, let the pointer hover over a colored bar. The CPU usage appears, displayed as a percentage and a time:

Usage by function

The Sampling Information view shows a flat profile of the item that's currently selected in the Application Profiler view. You can examine profiling information for programs, shared libraries, and DLLs:

The view lists all the functions called in the selected item. For each function, this view displays:

- the total CPU time spent in the function

- the CPU time spent in the function since you last reset the counters

If you select a program compiled for profiling, the view also displays:

- the number of times the function has been called

- the average CPU time per call

To see your function usage:

1   Launch a profile session for a profiling-enabled (i.e. _-g_) executable.

2   In the Application Profiler view, select your program by selecting an Application Profiler instance ( ) or any subordinate line. The Sampling Information view displays profiling information for your selection.

To reset the counters in the **Time since last reset(s)** column:

➤   Click the **Reset Sample counts** button ( ) in the Sampling Information view's title bar.

Usage by thread

The Thread Processor Usage view displays the CPU usage (in seconds and as a percentage of your program's total time) for each thread of the item that's currently selected in the Application Profiler view:

You can use this information to:

- identify which threads are the most and least active

- determine the appropriate size of your application's thread pool. (If there are idle threads, you might want to reduce the size of the pool.)

To see your thread usage:

1   Launch a profile session for a profiling-enabled (i.e. `-g`) executable.

2   In the Application Profiler view, select your program by selecting an Application Profiler instance ( ) or any subordinate line. The Thread Processor Usage view displays profiling information for your selection.

Call counts

For the item that's currently selected in the Application Profiler view, the Call Information view shows your call counts in three panes:

- **Call Pairs**

- **Call Graph**

- **Call Pair Details**.

To display your call counts:

1 Launch a profile session for a profiling-enabled (i.e. _g)
executable.

2 In the Application Profiler view, select your program by
selecting an Application Profiler instance (⬚fi) or any
subordinate line. The Call Information view displays profiling
information for your selection:

Call Pairs pane

The Call Pairs pane shows you where every function was called from
as well as the call-pair count, i.e. the number of times each function
called every other function.

Call Graph pane

The **Call Graph** pane shows you a graph of the function calls. Your selected function appears in the middle, in blue. On the left, in yellow, are all the functions that called your function. On the right, also in yellow, are all the functions that your function called.

To see the calls to and from a function:

➤ Click a function in:

- the **Function** column in the **Call Pairs** pane

  or:
- the **Call Graph** pane

☞ You can display the call graph only for functions that were compiled with profiling enabled.

Call Pair Details pane

The **Call Pair Details** pane shows the information about the function you've selected in the Call Graph pane. The **Caller** and **Call Count** columns show the number of times each function called the function you've selected.

The **Called** and **Called Count** columns show the number of times your selected function called other functions. This pane shows only the functions that were compiled with profiling. For example, it doesn't show calls to functions, such as *printf()*, in the C library.

Using Code Coverage

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Use the Code Coverage tool to help test your code.

Code coverage in the IDE

Code coverage is a way to measure how much code a particular process has executed during a test or benchmark. Using code-coverage analysis, you can then create additional test cases to increase coverage and determine a quantitative measure of code coverage, which is an *indirect* measure of the quality of your software (or better, a direct measure of the quality of your tests).

Types of code coverage

Several types of metrics are commonly used in commercial code-coverage tools, ranging from simple line or block coverage (i.e. "this statement was executed") to condition-decision coverage (i.e. "all terms in this Boolean expression are exercised"). A given tool usually provides a combination of types.

The coverage tool in the IDE is a visual front end to the `gcov` metrics produced by the `gcc` compiler. These coverage metrics are essentially basic *block coverage* and *branch coverage*.

The IDE presents these metrics as line coverage, showing which lines are fully covered, partially covered, and not covered at all. The IDE also presents percentages of coverage in terms of the actual code covered (i.e. not just lines).

Block coverage

Block coverage, sometimes known as line coverage, describes whether a block of code, defined as not having any branch point within (i.e. the path of execution enters from the beginning and exits at the end.) is executed or not.

By tracking the number of times the block of code has been executed, the IDE can determine the total coverage of a particular file or function. The tool also uses this information to show line coverage by analyzing the blocks on each line and determining the level of coverage of each.

Branch coverage

Branch coverage can track the path of execution taken between blocks of code. Although this metric is produced by the **gcc** compiler, currently the IDE doesn't provide this information.

How the coverage tool works

The IDE's code coverage tool works in conjunction with the compiler (**gcc**), the QNX C library (**libc**), and optionally the remote target agent (**qconn**). When code coverage is enabled for an application, the compiler instruments the code so that at run time, each branch execution to a basic block is counted. During the build, the IDE produces data files in order to recreate the program's flow graph and to provide line locations of each block.

CAUTION: Since the IDE creates secondary data files at compilation time, you must be careful when building your programs in a multitargeted build environment such as QNX Neutrino.

You must either:

- ensure that the last compiled binary is the one you're collecting coverage data on,

  or:

- simply enable only *one* architecture and debug/release variant.

Note also that the compiler's optimizations could produce unexpected results, so you should perform coverage tests on a unoptimized, debug-enabled build.

When you build a program with the **Build with Code Coverage** build option enabled and then launch it using a **C/C++ QNX Qconn (IP)** launch configuration, the instrumented code linked into the process connects to `qconn`, allowing the coverage data to be read from the process's data space.

But if you launch a coverage-built process with coverage *disabled* in the launch configuration, this causes the process to write the coverage information to a data file (`.da`) at run time, rather than read it from the process's data space.

☞ You should use data files only if you're running the local launch configuration on a QNX Neutrino self-hosted development system. Note that the data can later be imported into the IDE code coverage tool.

Once a coverage session has begun, you can immediately view the data. The QNX Code Coverage perspective contains a Code Coverage Sessions view that lists previous as well as currently active sessions. You can explore each session and browse the corresponding source files that have received coverage data.

Enabling code coverage

To build executables with code coverage enabled:

1 In the C/C++ Projects view, right-click your project and select **Properties**. The properties dialog for your project appears.

2 In the left pane, select **QNX C/C++ Project**.

3 In the **Build Options** pane, check **Build with Code Coverage**.

4 In the **Build Variants** tab, check only one build variant.

☞ If the IDE is set to build more than one variant, an error is displayed and the **OK** button is disabled.

5 Click **OK**.

6 In the C/C++ Projects view, right-click your project and select **Rebuild Project**.

Enabling code coverage for Standard Make projects

If you're using your own custom build environment, rather than QNX **Makefile**s, you'll have to manually pass the coverage option to the compiler.

To enable code coverage for non-QNX projects

1 Compile using these options to **gcc**:

```
-fprofile-arcs -ftest-coverage
```

If you're using **qcc**, compile with:

```
-Wc,-fprofile-arcs -Wc,-ftest-coverage
```

2 Link using the **-p** option.

For example, your **Makefile** might look something like this:

```
objects:=Profile.o main.o

CC:=qcc -Vgcc_ntox86
```

```
CFLAGS:=-g -Wc,-ftest-coverage -Wc,-fprofile-arcs -I. -I../proflibCPP-std
LDFLAGS:=-p -g -L../proflibCPP-std -lProfLib -lcpp

all: profileCPP-std

clean:
    -rm $(objects) profileCPP-std *.bb *.bbg

profileCPP-std: $(objects)
    $(CC) $^ -o $@ $(LDFLAGS)
```

Starting a coverage-enabled program

To start a program and measure the code coverage:

1   Create a C/C++ QNX QConn (IP) launch configuration as you normally would, but don't click **OK** yet.

2   On the launcher, click the **Tools** tab.

3   Click **Add/Delete Tool**. The Tools selection dialog appears.

4   Check the Code Coverage tool:

5   Click **OK**.

6   Click the Code Coverage tab, and fill in these fields:

Enable GCC 3 Coverage metrics collection

> Check this if your application was compiled with `gcc`
> 3.3.1 or later. The default is to collect code coverage
> information from applications compiled with `gcc` 2.95.3.

Code Coverage data scan interval (sec)

> This option sets how often the Code Coverage tool polls
> for data. A low setting can cause continuous network
> traffic. The default setting of 5 seconds should suffice.

Referenced projects to include coverage data from

> Check any project in this list you wish to gather
> code-coverage data for. Projects must be built with
> coverage enabled.

Comments for this coverage session

> Your notes about the session, for your own personal use.
> The comments appear at the top of the generated reports.

7 Check **Switch to this tool's perspective on launch** if you want to automatically go to the **QNX Code Coverage** perspective when you run or debug.

8 Click **Apply**.

9 Click **Run** or **Debug**.

Controlling your session

The Code Coverage Sessions view lets you control and display multiple code-coverage sessions:

The view displays the following as a hierarchical tree for each session:

Session item	Description	Possible icons
Code coverage session	Launch configuration name, coverage tool, and start time (e.g. `ccov102_factor [GCC Code Coverage] (7/2/03 2:48 PM)`)	
Project	Project name and amount of coverage (e.g. `ccov102_factor [ 86.67% ]`)	
File	Filename and amount of coverage (e.g. `ccov102_factor.c [ 86.67% ]`)	
Function	Function name and amount of coverage (e.g. `main [ 100% ]`)	

The IDE uses several icons in this view:

Icon	Meaning
○	No coverage
●	Partial coverage
●	Full (100%) coverage
?	Missing or out-of-date source file

The IDE also adds a coverage markup icon (●) to indicate source markup in the editor. (See the "Examining data line-by-line" section, below.)

To reduce the size of the hierarchical tree, click the **Collapse All** (⊶) button.

To combine several sessions:

1   In the Code Coverage Sessions view, select the sessions you want to combine.

2   Right-click your selections and select **Combine/Copy Sessions**. The IDE prompts you for a session name and creates a combined session.

Examining data line-by-line

The IDE can display the line-by-line coverage information for your source code. In the left margin, the editor displays a "covered" icon (✓) beside each line of source. In the right margin, the editor displays a summary of the coverage by showing green sections for fully-covered code, yellow for partial coverage, and red for no coverage:

To open a file in the QNX Code Coverage perspective:

➤   In the Code Coverage Sessions view, expand a session and double-click a file or function.

To display coverage information from a particular session:

➤ In the Code Coverage Sessions view, right-click a session and select **Coverage Markup**, then select one of the following:

- **Mark lines not covered**
- **Mark lines partially covered**
- **Mark lines fully covered**

The selected icon appears beside the corresponding source in the C/C++ editor. In the Code Coverage Sessions view, a coverage marker (⊚) overlays the source file icon.

To automatically show coverage information when opening a file:

1 Open the Preferences dialog (**Window→Preferences**).

2 In the left pane, select **QNX→Code Coverage**.

3 In the right pane, check the desired markers in the **Coverage markup when file is opened** field.

4 Click **OK**. The next time you open a file, the markers appear automatically. To add markers from another session, add them manually, as described above.

To remove all coverage markers:

➤ In the Code Coverage Sessions view's title bar, click the **Remove All Coverage Markers** button (🗙).

Examining your coverage report

The Code Coverage Report view provides a summary (in XML) of your session. The view lets you drill down into your project and see the coverage for individual files and functions:

To generate a report, simply right-click a coverage session and select **Generate Report**.

By default, the IDE displays reports in the Code Coverage Report view, but you can also have the IDE display reports in an external

browser. Using an external browser lets you compare several reports simultaneously.

To toggle between viewing reports in the Code Coverage Report view and in an external browser:

1 Open the Preferences dialog (**Window→Preferences**).

2 In the left pane, select **QNX→Code Coverage**.

3 In the right pane, check/uncheck the **View reports in external browser** item.

4 Click **OK**.

To print a report:

➤ In the Code Coverage Report view's title bar, click the **Print** button (🖨).

To save a report:

1 Right-click in the Code Coverage Report view to display the context menu.

2 Click **Save As...** to save the report.

You can also refresh the report:

➤ In the Code Coverage Report view's title bar, click the **Refresh** button (🔄).

Seeing your coverage at a glance

The Properties view displays a summary of the code coverage for a project, file, or function you've selected in the Code Coverage Sessions view.

The Properties view tells you how many lines were covered, not covered, and so on:

Property	Value
☐ Coverage Info	
Lines Fully Covered	19.83% (115 lines)
Lines Not Covered	78.28% (454 lines)
Lines Partially Covered	1.9% (11 lines)
Total Coverage	23.47%
☐ Info	
derived	false
editable	true
last modified	3/22/05 3:08 PM
linked	false
location	C:\Program Files\eclipse\workspace\unzip\fileio.c
name	fileio.c
path	/unzip/fileio.c
size	84828

Chapter 10

Finding Memory Errors

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Use the QNX Memory Analysis perspective to solve memory problems.

Introduction

Have you ever had a customer say, "The program was working fine for days, then it just crashed"? If so, chances are good that your program had a memory error — somewhere.

Debugging memory errors can be frustrating; by the time a problem appears, often by crashing your program, the corruption may already be widespread, making the source of the problem difficult to trace.

The QNX Memory Analysis perspective shows you how your program uses memory and can help ensure that your program won't cause problems. The perspective helps you quickly pinpoint memory errors in your development and testing environments before your customers get your product.

☞ The QNX Memory Analysis perspective may produce incorrect results when more than one IDE is communicating with the same target system. To use this perspective, make sure only one IDE is connected to the target system.

Memory management in QNX Neutrino

By design, Neutrino's architecture helps ensure that faults, including memory errors, are confined to the program that caused them. Programs are less likely to cause a cascade of faults because processes are isolated from each other and from the microkernel. Even device drivers behave like regular debuggable processes:

This robust architecture ensures that crashing one program has little or no effect on other programs throughout the system. When a program faults, you can be sure that the error is restricted to that process's operation.

Neutrino's full memory protection means that almost all the memory addresses your program encounters are *virtual addresses*. The process manager maps your program's virtual memory addresses to the actual physical memory; memory that is contiguous in your program may be transparently split up in your system's physical memory:

Virtual memory   Mapping   Physical memory

The process manager allocates memory in small pages (typically 4KB each). To determine the size for your system, use the **sysconf(_SC_PAGESIZE)** function.

As you'll see when you use the memory-analysis tools, the IDE categorizes your program's virtual address space as follows:

- program

- stack

- shared library

- objects

- heap

```
0xFFFFFFFF

              Reserved

Growth        Shared libraries


Growth        Objects


Growth        Heap

              Program

Process base address
Growth        Stack

              Stack          Guard page


0
```

Process memory layout on an x86.

The Memory Information and Malloc Information views of the QNX System Information perspective provide detailed, live views of a process's memory. See the Getting System Information chapter for more information.

Program memory

Program memory holds the executable contents of your program. The code section contains the read-only execution instructions (i.e. your actual compiled code); the data section contains all the values of the global and static variables used during your program's lifetime:

```
MyProgram (executable)

int min=10;
int max = 50;

int main () {



}
```

Program's
virtual memory   Mapping   Physical memory

Program
code

&min → Program
&max → data

Stack memory

Stack memory holds the local variables and parameters your
program's functions use. Each process in Neutrino contains at least
the main thread; each of the process's threads has an associated stack.
When the program creates a new thread, the program can either
allocate the stack and pass it into the thread-creation call, or let the
system allocate a default stack size and address:

Program's virtual
memory

Thread 1
stack
Thread 2
stack
Thread 3
stack
Thread 4
stack

Growth ↓

When your program runs, the process manager reserves the full stack
in virtual memory, but not in physical memory. Instead, the process
manager requests additional blocks of physical memory only when
your program actually needs more stack memory. As one function
calls another, the state of the calling function is pushed onto the stack.

When the function returns, the local variables and parameters are popped off the stack.

The used portion of the stack holds your thread's state information and takes up physical memory. The unused portion of the stack is initially allocated in virtual address space, but not physical memory:

At the end of each virtual stack is a *guard page* that the microkernel uses to detect stack overflows. If your program writes to an address within the guard page, the microkernel detects the error and sends the process a SIGSEGV signal.

As with other types of memory, the stack memory appears to be contiguous in virtual process memory, but not necessarily so in physical memory.

Shared-library memory

Shared-library memory stores the libraries you require for your process. Like program memory, library memory consists of both code and data sections. In the case of shared libraries, all the processes map to the same physical location for the code section and to unique locations for the data section:

Program 1's
virtual memory   Mapping   Physical memory

Program 1
library code

Library
code

CommonLibrary.so

```
int loops = 0;

Counterfunction() {
  for (loops= ; ;) {
    ...
  }
}
```

&loops →   Program 1
library data

Data

Program 2's
virtual memory

Data

Program 2
library code

&loops →   Program 2
library data

Object memory

Object memory represents the areas that map into a program's virtual
memory space, but this memory may be associated with a physical
device. For example, the graphics driver may map the video card's
memory to an area of the program's address space:

Video
screen

Graphics driver's
virtual memory   Mapping   Physical memory

Video
card

Object
memory

Video
memory

Heap memory

Heap memory represents the dynamic memory used by programs at
runtime. Typically, processes allocate this memory using the *malloc()*,
realloc(), and *free()* functions. These calls ultimately rely on the
mmap() function to reserve memory that the **malloc** library
distributes.

The process manager usually allocates memory in 4KB blocks, but
allocations are typically much smaller. Since it would be wasteful to
use 4KB of physical memory when your program wants only 17
bytes, the **malloc** library manages the heap. The library dispenses

the paged memory in smaller chunks and keeps track of the allocated and unused portions of the page:

Program's virtual
memory

`malloc` library

Free
blocks: 4, 7, 9
Used
blocks: 1, 2, 3,
5, 6, 8, 7

malloc(...)

9

8

7

6

5

4

3

2

1

Page block

Legend:

Used

Overhead

Free

Each allocation uses a small amount of fixed overhead to store internal data structures. Since there's a fixed overhead with respect to block size, the ratio of allocator overhead to data payload is larger for smaller allocation requests.

When your program uses the *malloc()* function to request a block of memory, the **malloc** library returns the address of an appropriately sized block. To maintain constant-time allocations, the **malloc** library may break some memory into fixed blocks. For example, the library may return a 20-byte block to fulfill a request for 17 bytes, a 1088-byte block for a 1088-byte request, and so on.

When the **malloc** library receives an allocation request that it can't meet with its existing heap, the library requests additional physical

memory from the process manager. As your program frees memory, the library merges adjacent free blocks to form larger free blocks wherever possible. If an entire memory page becomes free as a result, the library returns that page to the system. The heap thus grows and shrinks in 4KB increments:

What the Memory Analysis perspective can reveal

The main system allocator has been instrumented to keep track of statistics associated with allocating and freeing memory. This lets the memory statistics module nonintrusively inspect any process's memory usage.

When you launch your program with the Memory Analysis tool, your program uses the debug version of the **malloc** library (**libmalloc.so**). Besides the normal statistics, this library also tracks the history of every allocation and deallocation, and provides cover functions for the string and memory functions (e.g. *strcmp()*, *memcpy()*, *memmove()*). Each cover function validates the corresponding function's arguments before using them. For example, if you allocate 16 bytes, then forget the terminating null character and attempt to copy a 16-byte string into the block using the *strcpy()* function, the library detects the error.

The debug version of the **malloc** library uses more memory than the nondebug version. When tracing all calls to *malloc()* and *free()*, the library requires additional CPU overhead to process and store the memory-trace events.

The QNX Memory Analysis perspective can help you pinpoint and solve various kinds of problems, including:

- memory leaks

- memory errors

Memory leaks

Memory leaks can occur if your program allocates memory and then forgets to free it later. Over time, your program consumes more memory than it actually needs.

In its mildest form, a memory leak means that your program uses more memory than it should. QNX Neutrino keeps track of the exact memory your program uses, so once your program terminates, the system recovers all the memory, including the lost memory.

If your program has a severe leak, or leaks slowly but never terminates, it could consume all memory, perhaps even causing certain system services to fail.

These tools in the QNX Memory Analysis perspective can help you find and fix memory leaks:

- Memory Trace view — shows you all the instances where you program allocates, reallocates, and frees memory. The view lets you hide allocations that have a matching call to *free()*; the remaining allocations are either still in use or forgotten.

- Memory Problems view — shows you all memory errors, including leaks (unreachable blocks).

Memory errors

Memory errors can occur if your program tries to free the same memory twice or uses a stale or invalid pointer. These "silent" errors can cause surprising, random application crashes. The source of the error can be extremely difficult to find, because the incorrect operation could have happened in a different section of code long before an innocent operation triggered a crash.

In the event of a such an error, the IDE can stop your program's execution and let you see all the allocations that led up to the error. The Memory Problems view displays memory errors and the exact line of source code that generated each error. The Memory Trace view lets you find the prior call that accessed the same memory address, even if your program made the call days earlier.

☞ To learn more about the common causes of memory problems, see Heap Analysis: Making Memory Errors a Thing of the Past in the QNX Neutrino *Programmer's Guide*.

Analyzing your program

To extract the most information from your program, you should launch it with the Memory Analysis tool enabled:

1 Create a Run or Debug type of QNX Application launch configuration as you normally would, but don't click **Run** or **Debug**.

2 In the **Create, manage, and run configurations** dialog, click the **Tools** tab.

3 Click **Add/Delete Tool**.

4 In the **Tools Selection** dialog, check the **Memory Analysis** tool.

5 Click **OK**.

6 Click the **Memory Analysis** tab.

7   Configure the Memory Analysis settings for your program:

Memory Errors

> This group of configuration options controls the Memory Analysis module's behavior when memory errors are detected.

Enable error detection

> Check this to detect memory allocation, deallocation, and access errors:

Verify parameters in string and memory functions

> > When enabled, check the parameters in calls to *str*()* and *mem*()* functions for sanity.

Perform full heap integrity check on every allocation/deallocation

> > When enabled, check the heap's memory chains for consistency before every allocation or deallocation. Note that this

checking comes with a performance penalty.

Enable bounds checking (where possible)

When enabled, check for buffer overruns and underruns. Note that this is possible only for dynamically allocated buffers.

When an error is detected

Memory Analysis takes the selected action when a memory error is detected. By default, it reports the error and attempt to continue, but you can also choose to launch the debugger or terminate the process.

Limit trace-back depth to

Specify the number of stack frames to record when logging a memory error.

Memory Tracing

This group of configuration options controls the Memory Analysis module's memory tracing features.

Enable memory allocation/deallocation tracing

When checked, trace all memory allocations and deallocations.

Enable leak detection

When checked, detect memory leaks:

Perform leak check automatically every *n* seconds

When checked, look for memory leaks every *n* seconds (default: 60).

Perform leak check when process exits

When checked, look for memory leaks when the process exits, before

> the operating system cleans up the
> process's resources.

Limit back-trace depth to

> Specify the number of stack frames to
> record when tracing memory events.

Advanced Click the **Advanced** button to modify the
advanced configuration properties such as the
path to the debugging *malloc()* library, the
destination for logged data, etc.

8 If you want the IDE to automatically change to the QNX
Memory Analysis perspective when you run or debug, check
Switch to this tool's perspective on launch.

9 Click **Apply** to save your changes.

10 Click **Run** or **Debug**. The IDE starts your program and lets you
analyze your program's memory.

Tracing memory events

When you launch a Memory Analysis session, a new entry is made in the Memory Analysis Sessions view:

When you select an entry in the Memory Analysis Sessions view, the Memory Trace view shows the associated memory events:

Each event includes the address of the memory block, the block size, the workbench resource and location that caused the memory event, as well as the project folder name and memory analysis session name.

Select a row in the Memory Trace view to see a backtrace of one or more function calls in the Event Backtrace view.

Double-click a row in the Memory Trace view to open that event's source file and go to the line that caused the memory event.

Select a column in the Memory Trace view to sort the data by the entries in that column.

The Memory Trace view uses the following icons to indicate different types of events:

An allocated block that has become a leak (no references to this block exist; it cannot be deallocated by the application until it exits).

An allocation that has a matching deallocation.

An allocation event.

A deallocation that has a matching allocation.

A deallocation event.

Filtering memory trace events

You can filter the events displayed in the Memory Trace view by choosing **Filters. . .** from the view's menu (▼):

To filter memory trace events:

1   In the Filters dialog, check the **Enabled** box.

2   To limit the number of displayed items, check **Limit visible items to:** and enter the maximum number of items to display.

3   Select one or more memory events in the **Show events of type:** list by checking their boxes.

You can quickly select or deselect all memory events using the **Select All** and **Deselect All** buttons below the list.

4   Use the radio buttons to limit the displayed events to this Memory Analysis session, the currently selected source file, or the current working set, if any.

You can select a working set by clicking the **Select…** button.

5   To hide matching allocations and deallocations, check **Hide matching allocation/deallocation pairs**.

6   Click **OK** to close the Filters dialog and apply your filter settings.

Memory Problems view

The Memory Problems view displays memory leaks, errors (such as buffer overruns), and warnings.

Each entry in the Memory Problems view displays a description, the memory address, size, and the source code location (resource and line number) of the memory problem.

Select a column in the Memory Problems view to sort the data by the entries in that column.

Double-click an entry to open an editor with the source code line highlighted.

Filtering memory problems

You can filter the problems displayed in the Memory Problems view by choosing **Filters…** from the view's menu (▼):

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4   Use the radio buttons to limit the displayed events to this Memory Analysis session, the currently selected source file, or the current working set, if any.

You can select a working set by clicking the **Select...** button.

5   To search the descriptions for a specific string, enter it in the **Where description** field and select **contains** from the drop-down menu.

You can search for descriptions that don't contain the specified string by choosing **does not contain** from the drop-down menu.

6   Click **OK** to close the Filters dialog and apply your filter settings.

Event Backtrace view

The Event Backtrace view displays a call stack trace leading up to your selected memory event or error:

To display error information in the Event Backtrace view:

➤ Click on a memory event in the Memory Trace view.

Chapter 11

Getting System Information

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This chapter shows you how to work with the System Information perspective.

Introduction

The IDE provides a rich environment not only for developing and maintaining your software, but also for examining the details of your running target systems.

Within the IDE, you'll find several views whose goal is to provide answers to such questions as:

- Are my processes running?

- What state are they in?

- What resources are being used, and by which processes?

- Which processes/threads are communicating with which other processes/threads?

Such questions play an important role in your overall system design. The answers to these questions often lie beyond examining a single process or thread, as well as beyond the scope of a single tool, which is why a structured suite of integrated tools can prove so valuable.

The tools discussed in this chapter are designed to be mixed and matched with the rest of the IDE's development components to help you gain insight into your system and thereby develop better products.

What the System Information perspective reveals

The System Information perspective provides a complete and detailed report on your system's resource allocation and use, along with key metrics such as CPU usage, program layout, the interaction of different programs, and more:

The perspective's metrics may prove useful throughout your development cycle, from writing and debugging your code through your quality-control strategy.

Key terms

Before we describe how to work with the System Information perspective, let's first briefly discuss the terms used in the perspective itself. The main items are:

thread   The minimum "unit of execution" that can be scheduled to run.

process   A "container" for threads, defining the virtual address space within which threads execute. A process always contains at least one thread. Each process has its own set of virtual addresses, typically ranging from 0 to 4GB.

Threads within a process share the same virtual memory space, but have their own stack. This common address space lets threads within the process easily access shared code and data, and lets you optimize or group common functionality, while still providing process-level protection from the rest of the system.

scheduling priority

Neutrino uses priorities to establish the order in which threads get to execute when multiple threads are competing for CPU time.

Each thread can have a scheduling priority ranging from 1 to 255 (the highest priority), *independent of the scheduling policy*. The special *idle* thread (in the process manager) has priority 0 and is always ready to run. A thread inherits the priority of its parent thread by default.

You can set a thread's priority using the *pthread_setschedparam()* function.

scheduling policy

When two or more threads share the *same priority* (i.e. the threads are directly competing with each other for the CPU), the OS relies on the threads' scheduling policy to determine which thread should run next. Three policies are available:

- round-robin

- FIFO

- sporadic

You can set a thread's scheduling policy using the *pthread_setschedparam()* function or you can start a process with a specific priority and policy by using the **on -p** command (see the *Utilities Reference* for details).

state   Only one thread can actually run at any one time. If a thread isn't in this RUNNING state, it must either be READY or BLOCKED (or in one of the many "blocked" variants).

message passing

The most fundamental form of communication in Neutrino. The OS relays messages from thread to thread via a send-receive-reply protocol. For example, if a thread calls *MsgSend()*, but the server hasn't yet received the message, the thread would be SEND-blocked; a thread waiting for an answer is REPLY-blocked, and so on.

channel   Message passing is directed towards channels and connections, rather than targeted directly from thread to thread. A thread that wishes to receive messages first creates a channel; another thread that wishes to send a message to that thread must first make a connection by "attaching" to that channel.

signal   Asynchronous event notifications that can be sent to your process. Signals may include:

- simple alarms based on a previously set timer

- a notification of unauthorized access of memory or hardware

- a request for termination

- user-definable alerts

The OS supports the standard POSIX signals (as in UNIX) as well as the POSIX realtime signals. The POSIX signals interface specifies how signals target a particular process, not a specific thread. To ensure that signals go to a thread that can handle specific signals, many applications mask most signals from all but one thread.

You can specify the action associated with a signal by using the *sigaction()* function, and block signals by using *sigprocmask()*. You can send signals by using the *raise()* function, or send them manually using the Target Navigator view (see "Sending a signal" below).

☞ For more information on all these terms and concepts, see the QNX Neutrino Microkernel chapter in the *System Architecture* guide.

The views in this perspective

You use the views in the System Information perspective for these main tasks:

To:	Use this view:
Control your system information session	Target Navigator
Examine your target system's attributes	System Summary
Watch your processes and view thread activity	Process Information
Inspect virtual address space	Memory Information
Track heap usage	Malloc Information

continued...

To:	Use this view:
Examine process signals	Signal Information
Get channel information	System Blocking Graph
Track file descriptors	Connection Information
Track resource usage	System Resources

Controlling your system information session

The selections you make in the Target Navigator view control the information you see in the System Information perspective:

You can customize the Target Navigator view to:

- sort processes by PID (process ID) or by name

- group processes by PID family

- control the refresh rate

To access the Target Navigator view's customization menu, click the menu button (▼) in the Target Navigator view's title bar.

You can reverse a selected sort order by clicking the **Reverse sort** button (ᴬ⤒) in the view's title bar.

You can enable or disable the automatic refresh by clicking the

Automatic Refresh button (⟳) in the view's title bar. Entries in the Target Navigator are grey when their data is stale and needs refreshing.

If you've disabled automatic refresh, you can refresh the Target Navigator view by right-clicking and choosing **Refresh** from the context menu.

The Target Navigator view also let you control the information displayed by the following views:

- Malloc Information

- Memory Information

To control the display in the Malloc Information or Memory Information view:

➤ In the Target Navigator view, expand a target and select a process:

Sending a signal

The Target Navigator view lets you send signals to the processes on your target. For example, you can terminate a process by sending it a SIGTERM signal.

To send a signal to a process:

1   In the Target Navigator view, right-click a process and select **Deliver Signal**.

2 Select a signal from the dropdown menu.

3 Click **OK**. The IDE delivers the signal to your selected process.

⚠️ **CAUTION:** Delivering a signal to a process usually causes that process to terminate.

Updating the views

To update the views in the System Information perspective:

➤ In the Target Navigator view, expand a target and select a process. (You can also select groups of processes by using the Ctrl or Shift keys.) The views reflect your selection.

The data displayed in the System Information perspective is updated automatically whenever new data is available.

Adding views to the System Information perspective

By default, some views don't appear in the System Information perspective. To add a view to the perspective:

1 From the main menu, select **Window→Show View** and select a view.

2 The view appears in your perspective.

3 If you want to save a customized set of views as a new perspective, select **Window→Save Perspective As** from the main menu.

☞ Some of the views associated with the System Information perspective can add a noticeable processing load to your host CPU. You can improve its performance by:

- Closing the System Information perspective when you're not using it.

- Closing unneeded views within the perspective. You can instantly reopen all the closed views by selecting **Window→Reset Perspective** from the main menu.

- Reducing the refresh rate (as described above).

- Minimizing or hiding unneeded views.

Examining your target system's attributes

The System Summary view displays a listing of your target's system attributes, including your target's processor(s), memory, active servers, and processes:

The System Summary view includes the following panes:

- System Specifications

- System Memory

- Processes

System Specifications pane

The System Specifications pane displays your system's hostname, board type, OS version, boot date, and CPU information. If your target is an SMP system, the pane lists CPU information for each processor.

System Memory pane

The System Memory pane displays your system's total memory and free memory in numerical and graphical form.

Processes panes

The Processes panes display the process name, heap usage, CPU usage time, and start time for the processes running on your selected target. The panes lets you see application processes, server processes, or both. Server processes have a session ID of 1; application processes have a session ID greater than 1.

Watching your processes

The Process Information view displays information about the processes you select in the Target Navigator view. The view shows the name of the process, its arguments, environment variables, and so on. The view also shows the threads in the process and the states of each thread:

The Process Information view includes the following panes:

- Thread Details

- Environment Variables

- Process Properties

Thread Details pane

The Thread Details pane shows information about your selected process's threads, including the thread's ID, priority, scheduling policy, state, and stack usage.

The **Thread Details** pane lets you display a substantial amount of information about your threads, but some of the column entries aren't shown by default.

To configure the information displayed in the **Thread Details** pane:

1   In the Process Information view, click the menu dropdown button (▼).

2   Select **Configure**. The Configure dialog appears:

3   You can:

 - Add entries to the view by selecting items from the Available Items list and clicking **Add**.

- Remove entries from the view by selecting items in the New Items list and clicking **Remove**.

- Adjust the order of the entries by selecting items in the New Items list and clicking **Shift Up** or **Shift Down**.

4 Click **OK**. The view displays the entries that you specified in the New Items list.

Environment Variables pane

The Environment Variables pane provides the values of the environment variables that are set for your selected process. (For more information, see the Commonly Used Environment Variables appendix in the *Utilities Reference*.

Process Properties pane

The Process Properties pane shows the process's startup arguments, and the values of the process's IDs: real user, effective user, real group, and effective group.

The process arguments are the arguments that were used to start your selected process as they were passed to your process, but not necessarily as you typed them. For example, if you type `ws *.c`, the pane might show `ws cursor.c io.c my.c phditto.c swaprelay.c`, since the shell expands the `*.c` before launching the program.

The process ID values determine which permissions are used for your program. For example, if you start a process as `root`, but use the *seteuid( )* and *setegid( )* functions to run the program as the user `jsmith`, the program runs with `jsmith`'s permissions. By default, all programs launched from the IDE run as `root`.

Examining your target's memory

Two views in the QNX System Information perspective are especially useful for examining the memory of your target system:

- Malloc Information view (for heap usage and other details)

● Memory Information view (for examining virtual address space)

Malloc Information view

The Malloc Information view displays statistical information from the general-purpose, process-level memory allocator:

When you select a process in the Target Navigator view, the IDE queries the target system and retrieves the allocator's statistics. The IDE gathers statistics for the number of bytes that are allocated, in use, and overhead.

The view includes the following panes:

● Total Heap

● Calls Made

● Core Requests

● Distribution

- History

Total Heap

The Total Heap pane shows your total heap memory, which is the sum of the following states of memory:

- used (dark blue)

- overhead (turquoise)

- free (lavender)

The bar chart shows the relative size of each.

Calls Made

The Calls Made pane shows the number of times a process has allocated, freed, or reallocated memory by calling *malloc()*, *free()*, and *realloc()* functions. (See the *Neutrino Library Reference*.)

Core Requests

The Core Requests pane displays the number of allocations that the system allocator automatically made to accommodate the needs of the program you selected in the Target Navigator view. The system allocator typically dispenses memory in increments of 4KB (one page).

The number of allocations never equals the number of deallocations, because when the program starts, it allocates memory that isn't released until it terminates.

Distribution

The Distribution pane shows a distribution of the memory allocation sizes. The pane includes the following columns:

Byte Range   The size range of the memory blocks.

Total mallocs and frees

The total number of calls that effectively allocate or free memory. For example, if your program

<table>
<tr><td></td><td>reallocated memory from 10 bytes to 20 bytes, both the free count for the 0-16 byte range and the malloc count for the 17-32 range would increment.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Allocated</td><td>The remaining number of allocated blocks. The value is equal to the number of allocations minus the number of deallocations.</td></tr>
<tr><td>% Returned</td><td>The ratio of freed blocks to allocated blocks, expressed as a percentage. The value is calculated as the number of deallocations divided by the number of allocations.</td></tr>
</table>

Usage (min/max)

> The calculated minimum and maximum memory usage for a byte range. The values are calculated by multiplying the number of allocated blocks by the minimum and maximum sizes of the range. For example, if the 65-128 byte range had two blocks allocated, the usage would be `130/160`. You should use these values for estimated memory usage only; the actual memory usage usually lies somewhere in between.

History

The History pane shows a chronology of the heap usage shown in the Total Heap pane. The pane automatically rescales as the selected process increases its total heap.

The History pane updates the data every second, with a granularity of 1KB. Thus, two 512-byte allocations made over several seconds trigger one update.

☞ You can choose to hide or display the Distribution and History panes:

1 In the Malloc Information view's title bar, click the dropdown menu button (▼), followed by **Show**.

2 Click the pane you want displayed.

Virtual address space

The Memory Information view displays the memory used by the process you select in the Target Navigator view:

The view shows the following major categories of memory usage:

- Stack (red)

  - guard (light)

- unallocated (medium)
- allocated (dark)

● Program (royal blue)

- data (light)
- code (dark)

● Heap (blue violet)

● Objects (powder blue)

● Shared Library (green)

- data (light)
- code (dark)

● Unused (white)

The Process Memory pane shows the overall memory usage. To keep large sections of memory from visually overwhelming smaller sections, the view scales the display semilogarithmically and indicates compressed sections with a split.

Below the Process Memory pane, the Process Memory subpane shows your selected memory category (e.g. Stack, Library) linearly. The subpane colors the memory by subcategory (e.g. a stack's guard page), and shows unused memory.

The Memory Information view's table lists all the memory segments and the associated virtual address, size, permissions, and offset. The major categories list the total sizes for the subcategories (e.g. Library lists the sizes for code/data in the Size column). The Process Memory pane and subpane update their displays as you make selections in the table.

The Memory Information view's table includes the following columns:

Name   The name of the category.

V. Addr.	The virtual address of the memory.
Size	The size of the section of memory. For the major categories, the column lists the totals for the minor categories.
Map Flags	The flags and protection bits for the memory block. See the *mmap()* function's *flags* and *prot* arguments in the *Neutrino Library Reference*.
Offset	The memory block's offset into shared memory, which is equal to the *mmap()* function's *off* argument.

To toggle the Memory Information view's table arrangement between a flat list and a categorized list:

➤ Select the dropdown menu (▼) in the Memory Information view's title bar and select **Categorize**.

Stack errors

Stack errors can occur if your program contains functions that are deeply recursive or use a significant amount of local data. Errors of this sort can be difficult to find using conventional testing; although your program seems to work properly during testing, the system could fail in the field, likely when your system is busiest and is needed the most.

The Memory Information view lets you see how much stack memory your program and its threads use. The view can warn you of potential stack errors.

Inefficient heap usage

Your program can experience problems if it uses the heap inefficiently. Memory-allocation operations are expensive, so your program may run slowly if it repeatedly allocates and frees memory, or continuously reallocates memory in small chunks.

The Malloc Information view displays a count of your program's memory allocations; if your program has an unusually high turnover rate, this might mean that the program is allocating and freeing more memory than it should.

You may also find that your program uses a surprising amount of memory, even though you were careful not to allocate more memory than you required. Programs that make many small allocations can incur substantial overhead.

The Malloc Information view lets you see the amount of overhead memory the **malloc** library uses to manage your program's heap. If the overhead is substantial, you can review the data structures and algorithms used by your program, and then make adjustments so that your program uses its memory resources more efficiently. The Malloc Information view lets you track your program's reduction in overall memory usage.

☞ To learn more about the common causes of memory problems, see Heap Analysis: Making Memory Errors a Thing of the Past in the QNX Neutrino *Programmer's Guide*.

Examining process signals

The Signal Information view shows the signals for the processes selected in the Target Navigator view.

The view shows signals that are:

- blocked — applies to individual threads

- ignored — applies to the entire process

- pending

You can send a signal to any process by using the Target Navigator view (see the section "Sending a signal" in this chapter).

Getting channel information

The System Blocking Graph view presents a color-coded display of all the active channels in the system and illustrates the interaction of threads with those channels.

Interaction with resource objects are such that a thread can be blocked waiting for access to the resource or waiting for servicing (i.e. the thread is SEND-blocked on a channel).

The thread could also be blocked waiting for a resource to be released back to the thread or waiting for servicing to terminate (i.e. the thread is REPLY-blocked).

Clients in such conditions are shown on the left side of the graph, and the resource under examination is in the middle. Threads that are waiting to service a request or are active owners of a resource, or are actively servicing a request, are displayed on the right side of the graph:

In terms of "classical" QNX terminology, you can think of the items in the legend at the top of the graph like this:

Legend item	Thread state
Servicing request	*Not* RECEIVE-blocked (e.g. RUNNING, blocked on a mutex, etc.)
Waiting for request	RECEIVE-blocked
Waiting for reply	REPLY-blocked
Waiting for service	SEND-blocked

Tracking file descriptors

The Connection Information view displays the file descriptors, server, and connection flags related to your selected process's connections. The view also shows (where applicable) the pathname of the resource that the process accesses through the connection:

File Descriptors	Server Name	IOFlags	Seek Offset	Resource Name
0	procnto-instr (1)			
1	procnto-instr (1)			
2	procnto-instr (1)			
0s	procnto-instr (1)			
2s	devc-con (7)			
4s	procnto-instr (1)	--	0	/dev/con1
5s	procnto-instr (1)	--	0	/dev/con2
7s	procnto-instr (1)	--	0	/dev/con3
8s	procnto-instr (1)	--	0	/dev/con4
9s	procnto-instr (1)	--	0	/dev/kbd

Connection Information — proc/boot/devc-con (7)

The information in this view comes from the individual resource manager servers that are providing the connection. Certain resource managers may not have the ability to return all the requested information, so some fields are left blank.

The IOFlags column describes the read (**r**) and write (**w**) status of the file. A double dash (**--**) indicates no read or write permission; a blank indicates that the information isn't available.

The Seek Offset column indicates the connector's offset from the start of the file.

Note that for some FDs, an "s" appears beside the number. This means that the FD in question was created via a *side channel* — the connection ID is returned from a different space than file descriptors, so the ID is actually greater than any valid file descriptor.

For more information on side channels, see *ConnectAttach()* in the *Neutrino Library Reference*.

To see the full side channel number:

1   In the Connection Information view, click the menu dropdown button (▼).

2   Select **Full Side Channels**.

Tracking resource usage

The System Resources view shows various pieces of information about your system's processes. You can choose one of the following displays:

- System Uptime

- General Resources

- Memory Resources

To select which display you want to see, click the menu dropdown button (▼) in the System Resources view.

System Uptime display

The System Uptime display provides information about the start time, CPU usage time, and the usage as a percent of the total uptime, for all the processes running on your selected target:

Process Name	Start Time	CPU Usage	Uptime (%)
procnto-instr	Fri Mar 11 12:18:51 EST 2005	1h 13min	100.13%
qconn	Fri Mar 11 12:20:07 EST 2005	9sec 435ms	0.22%
io-net	Fri Mar 11 12:19:29 EST 2005	8sec 578ms	0.20%
devb-eide	Fri Mar 11 12:18:52 EST 2005	2sec 530ms	0.06%
spooler	Fri Mar 11 12:19:30 EST 2005	1sec 58ms	0.02%
io-audio	Fri Mar 11 12:19:29 EST 2005	48ms	0.00%
tinit	Fri Mar 11 12:19:32 EST 2005	14ms	0.00%
slogger	Fri Mar 11 12:18:52 EST 2005	13ms	0.00%
mqueue	Fri Mar 11 12:19:28 EST 2005	8ms	0.00%
pci-bios	Fri Mar 11 12:18:52 EST 2005	25ms	0.00%
devc-con	Fri Mar 11 12:19:28 EST 2005	31ms	0.00%
pipe	Fri Mar 11 12:19:28 EST 2005	28ms	0.00%
devc-ser8250	Fri Mar 11 12:19:29 EST 2005	13ms	0.00%
dhcp.client	Fri Mar 11 12:19:30 EST 2005	17ms	0.00%
devb-fdc	Fri Mar 11 12:19:31 EST 2005	13ms	0.00%
devc-pty	Fri Mar 11 12:19:31 EST 2005	23ms	0.00%
devc-par	Fri Mar 11 12:19:29 EST 2005	18ms	0.00%
sh	Fri Mar 11 12:20:06 EST 2005	18ms	0.00%

General Resources display

The General Resources display provides information about CPU usage, heap size, and the number of open file descriptors, for all the processes running on your selected target.

Process Name	CPU Usage (%)	Heap	File Descriptors	
procnto-instr	99.45	0	26	
tinit	0.00	0	0	
slogger	0.00	0	3	
mqueue	0.00	32K	3	
pci-bios	0.00	0	3	
devb-eide	0.00	0	6	
devc-con	0.00	64K	3	
pipe	0.00	0	3	
io-audio	0.00	0	4	
devc-ser8250	0.00	0	3	
dhcp.client	0.00	0	5	
devb-fdc	0.00	0	3	
devc-pty	0.00	0	3	
devc-par	0.00	0	4	
sh	0.00	0	4	
io-net	0.29	0	7	
qconn	0.25	0	11	
spooler	0.00	0	4	

Memory Resources display

The Memory Resources display provides information about the heap, program, library, and stack usage for each process running on your selected target:

Process Name	Heap	Code	Data	Lib Code	Lib Data	Stack
dhcp.client	32K	504K	80K	460K	48K	12K/516K
devc-con	64K	404K	28K	344K	20K	4K/516K
mqueue	32K	356K	24K	344K	20K	4K/516K
procnto-instr	0	0	0	0	0	0/0
tinit	0	0	0	0	0	0/0
slogger	0	0	0	0	0	0/0
pci-bios	0	0	0	0	0	0/0
devb-eide	0	0	0	0	0	0/0
pipe	0	0	0	0	0	0/0
io-audio	0	0	0	0	0	0/0
devc-ser8250	0	0	0	0	0	0/0
devb-fdc	0	0	0	0	0	0/0
devc-pty	0	0	0	0	0	0/0
devc-par	0	0	0	0	0	0/0
sh	0	0	0	0	0	0/0
io-net	0	0	0	0	0	0/0
qconn	0	0	0	0	0	0/0
spooler	0	0	0	0	0	0/0

To learn more about the meaning of the values shown in the Memory Resources display, see the Finding Memory Errors chapter in this guide.

Analyzing Your System with Kernel Tracing

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Use the System Profiler to analyze your system via instrumentation.

Introducing the QNX System Profiler

The System Profiler is a tool that works in concert with the Neutrino instrumented kernel (**procnto-instr**) to provide insight into the operating system's events and activities. Think of the System Profiler as a system-level software logic analyzer. Like the Application Profiler, the System Profiler can help pinpoint areas that need improvement, but at a *system-wide* level.

The instrumented kernel can gather a variety of events, including:

- kernel calls

- process manager activities

- interrupts

- scheduler changes

- context switches

- user-defined trace data

You might use the System Profiler to solve such problems as:

- IPC bottlenecks (by observing the flow of messages among threads)

- resource contention (by watching threads as they change states)

- cache coherency in an SMP machine (by watching threads as they migrate from one CPU to another)

☞ Details on kernel instrumentation (such as types and classes of events) are more fully covered in the System Analysis Toolkit (SAT) *User's Guide*.

The QNX System Profiler perspective includes several components that are relevant to system profiling:

Navigator view

Events are stored in *log files* (with the extension **.kev**) within projects in your workspace. These log files are associated with the System Profiler editor.

Target Navigator view

When you right-click a target machine in the Target Navigator view, you can select **Kernel Events Tracing...**, which initiates the Trace Logging wizard. You use this wizard to specify which events to capture, the duration of the capture period, as well as specific details about where the generated event log file (**.kev** file) is stored.

System Profiler editor

This editor provides the graphical representation of the instrumentation events in the captured log file. Like all other Eclipse editors, the System Profiler editor shows up in the editor area and can be brought into any perspective. This editor is automatically associated with **.kev** files, but if you have other file types that contain instrumentation data, you could associate the editor with those files as well.

Trace Event Log view

> This view lists instrumentation events, as well as their details
> (time, owner, etc.), surrounding the selected position in the
> currently active System Profiler editor.

General Statistics view

> A tabular statistical representation of events.

☞ Statistics can be gathered for the entire log file or for a selected range.

Condition Statistics view

> A tabular or graphical statistical representation of the conditions
> used in the search panel.

Event Owner Statistics view

> A tabular statistical representation of events broken down per
> owner.

Bookmarks view

> Just as you can bookmark lines in a text file, here you can
> bookmark particular locations and event ranges displayed in the
> System Profiler editor, then see your bookmarked events in the
> Bookmarks view.

☞ The QNX System Profiler perspective may produce incorrect results
when more than one IDE is communicating with the same target
system. To use this perspective, make sure only one IDE is connected
to the target system.

Before you begin

As mentioned earlier, in order to capture instrumentation data for
analysis, the instrumented kernel (**procnto-instr**) must be
running. This kernel is a drop-in replacement for the standard kernel
(though the instrumented kernel is slightly larger). When you're not
gathering instrumentation data, the instrumented kernel is almost
exactly as fast as the regular kernel.

☞ To determine if the instrumented kernel is running, enter this command:

```
ls /proc/boot
```

If **procnto-instr** appears in the output, then the OS image is running the instrumented kernel.

To substitute the **procnto-instr** module in the OS image on your board, you can either manually edit your buildfile, then run **mkifs** to generate a new image, or use the System Builder perspective to configure the image's properties.

Replacing the kernel using the System Builder

1 In the System Builder Projects view, double-click the **project.bld** file for the image you want to change.

2 In the Images pane of the System Builder editor, select the image.

3 In the Properties view, click the **Procnto** field (under **System**). A dropdown-menu button appears in the field:

4 Select **procnto-instr**, press Enter, then save your change.

5   Rebuild your project, then transfer your new OS image to your board.

Assuming you're running the instrumented kernel on your board, you're ready to use the System Profiler. A profiling session usually involves these three steps:

- configuring a target for system profiling

- capturing instrumentation data in event log files

- viewing and interpreting the captured data

Configuring a target for system profiling

You can gather trace events from the instrumented kernel in two different ways. You run a command-line utility (e.g. `tracelogger`) on your target to generate a log file, and then transfer that log file back to your development environment for analysis. Or, you can capture events directly from the IDE using the Trace Events Configuration wizard.

☞   In order to get timing information from the kernel, you need to run `tracelogger` as the `root` user.

If you gather system profiling data through `qconn` in the IDE, you're already accessing the instrumented kernel as root.

Using the command-line server currently offers more flexibility as to when the data is captured, but requires that you set up and configure filters yourself using the *TraceEvent( )* API. The Trace Events Configuration wizard lets you set a variety of different static filters and configure the duration of time that the events are logged for.

For more information on the `tracelogger` utility, see its entry in the *Utilities Reference*. For *TraceEvent( )*, see the *Neutrino Library Reference*.

Launching the System Profiler Configuration wizard

➤ In the Target Navigator view, right-click a target, then select **Kernel Events Tracing...** from the menu.

If you don't have the Target Navigator view open, choose **Window→Show View→Other...**, then **QNX Targets→Target Navigator**.

☞ If you don't already have a target project, you'll have to create one:

➤ In the Target Navigatord view, right-click and select **Add New Target**.

You can use this target project for a number of different tasks (debugging, memory analysis, profiling), so once you create it, you won't have to worry about connecting to your target again. Note also that the `qconn` target agent must be running on your target machine.

Selecting options in the wizard

The wizard takes you through the process of selecting:

- the location of the captured log file (both on the target temporarily and on the host in your workspace)

- the duration of the event capture

- the size of the kernel buffers

- the event-capture filters (to control which events are captured)

Here are the main fields in this wizard:

Save Project as

> The name you want to use for the kernel events log file (**.kev**) in your workspace.

Tracing method, Type (Period of time)

    The duration of the capture of events as defined by a time. This is the default.

Tracing method, Period length

    Floating-point value in seconds representing the length of time to capture kernel events on the target.

Tracing method, Type (Iterations)

    The duration of the capture of events as defined by the number of kernel event buffers.

Tracing method, Number of Iterations

    Total number of full kernel event buffers to log on the target.

Trace file, Mode (Save on target then upload)

    In this mode, kernel event buffers are first saved in a file on the target, then uploaded to your workspace. This is the default.

Trace file, Filename on target

    Name of the file used to save the kernel event buffers on the target.

Trace file, Mode (Stream)

    In this mode, no file is saved on the target. Kernel event buffers are directly sent from `qconn` to the IDE.

Trace statistics File, Mode (Generate only on the target)

    The information file is generated only on the target. This is the default.

Trace statistics file, Mode (Do not generate)

    No file is generated.

☞ If your target is running QNX 6.2.1, you must use this option instead of "Generate only on the target" because the trace statistics file is not supported under QNX 6.2.1.

Trace statistics File, Mode (Save on target then upload)

> The statistical information is first saved in a file on the target, then uploaded to your workspace.

Trace statistics File, Filename on target

> Name of the file used to save the statistical information on the target.

Buffers, Number of kernel buffers

> Size of the static ring of buffers allocated in the kernel.

Buffers, Number of qconn buffers

> Maximum size of the dynamic ring of buffers allocated in the **qconn** target agent.

Capturing instrumentation data in event log files

Regardless of how your log file is captured, you have a number of different options for how to regulate the amount of information actually captured:

- On/Off toggling of tracing

- Static per-class Off/Fast/Wide mode filters

- Static per-event Off/Fast/Wide mode filters

- User event-handler filters

(For more information, see the SAT *User's Guide*.)

The IDE lets you access the first three of the above filters. You can enable tracing (currently done by activating the tracing wizard), and

then select what kind of data is logged for various events in the system.

The events in the system are organized into different classes (kernel calls, communication, thread states, interrupts, etc). You can toggle each of these classes in order to indicate whether or not you want to generate such events for logging.

The data logged with events comes in the following modes:

Fast mode   A small-payload data packet that conveys only the most important aspects of the particular event. Better for performance.

Wide mode   A larger-payload data packet that contains a more complete event definition, with more context. Better for understanding the data.

Class Specific   This mode lets you select Disable (no data is collected), Fast, Wide, or Event Specific for each of the following event classes:

- Control Events
- Interrupts
- Process and Thread
- Container
- Communication

Choosing Event Specific lets you select Disable, Fast, or Wide for each event in that class.

Depending on the purpose of the trace, you'll want to selectively enable different tracing modes for different types of events so as to minimize the impact on the overall system. For its part in the analysis of these events, the IDE does its best to work with whatever data is present. (But note that some functionality may not be available for post-capture analysis if it isn't present in the raw event log. `;-)`)

Viewing and interpreting the captured data

Once an event file is generated and transferred back to the development host for analysis (whether it was done automatically by the IDE or generated by using **tracelogger** and manually extracted back to the IDE), you can then invoke the System Profiler editor.

☞   If you receive a "Could not find target: Read timed out" error while
capturing data, it's possible that a CPU-intensive program running at
a priority the same as or higher than **qconn** is preventing **qconn** from
transferring data back to the host system.

If this happens, restart **qconn** with the **qconn_prio=** option to
specify a higher priority. You can use **hogs** or **pidin** to see which
process is keeping the target busy, and discover its priority.

The IDE includes a custom perspective for working with the System
Profiler. This perspective sets up some of the more relevant views for
easy access.

The System Profiler editor

In order to start examining an event file, the easiest way is to name it
with a **.kev** (kernel event) extension. Files with this extension are
automatically bound to the System Profiler editor.

The System Profiler editor is the center of all of the analysis activity.
It provides different visualization options for the event data in the log
files:

CPU Activity presentation

> Displays the CPU activity associated with a particular thread of process. For a thread, CPU activity is defined as the amount of runtime for that thread. For a process, CPU activity is the amount of runtime for all the process's threads combined.

CPU Usage presentation

> Displays the percent of CPU usage associated with all event owners. CPU usage is the amount of runtime that event owners get. CPU usage can also be displayed as a time instead of a percentage.

Element Activity presentation

> Displays CPU usage for an individual selected process or thread.

Timeline presentation (the default)

> Displays events associated with their particular owners (i.e. processes, threads, and interrupts) along with the state of those particular owners (where it makes sense to do so).

The **Timeline** presentation is the default. To choose one of the other types, right-click in the editor, then select **Display→Toggle**. Then choose one of:

- **CPU Activity**

- **CPU Usage**

- **Element Activity**

For displays other than the **Timeline**, you can display the data using your choice of graph by right-clicking the graph and choosing **Graph Type**. Select one of the graph types from the list:

- **Line Graph**

- **Bar Graph**

- **Histogram**

- **Pie Chart**

3D versions of the graphs are also available, with the exception of the **Pie Chart**.

Each of these visualizations is available as a "pane" in a stack of "panes." Additionally, the visualization panes can be split — you can look at the different sections of the same log file and do comparative analysis.

All panes of the same stack share the same display information. A new pane inherits the display information of the previous pane, but becomes independent after it's created.

To split the display, right-click in the editor, then select **Display**→**Split**. Note that you can lock two panes to each other. From the **Split** submenu, choose the graph you want to display in the new pane:

- **CPU Activity**

- **CPU Usage**

- **Element Activity**

- **Timeline**

☞ You can have a maximum of four panes.

A number of different features are available from within the editor:

Event owner selection

> Clicking on event owners selects them in the IDE. These selected event owners can then be used by other components of the IDE (such as **Filters** and **Find**).

> If an owner has children (e.g. a parent process with threads), you'll see an plus sign beside the parent's name. To see a parent's children, click the plus sign

(or press Shift – E to expand all owners, and Shift – C to collapse).

Filters	Event owners and specific events can be filtered out using the **Event Owner Filters** and **Event Filters** items in the right-click (context) menu. You can use this filtering feature to significantly cut down on the unwanted event "noise" in the display. Once filtered, the log file can be saved as a new log file (using **Save As**) to produce a smaller, more succinct log file for further examination.

For example, to view only processes that are sending pulses, right-click in the timeline, then select **Event Owner Filters**→**Show Only**→**MsgSend Family**.

Find	Pressing Ctrl – F (or selecting **Edit**→**Find/Replace**) opens a dialog that lets you quickly move from event to event. This is particularly useful when following the flow of activity for a particular event owner or when looking for particular events.

Bookmarks	You can place bookmarks in the timeline editor just as you would to annotate text files. Press the B key to add a bookmark, or right-click in the editor and choose **Bookmark** from the menu.

These bookmarks show up in the Bookmarks view and can represent a range of time or a single particular event instance.

Cursor tracking

The information from the System Profiler editor is also made available to other components in the IDE such as the Trace Event Log and the Trace Event Statistics views. These views can synchronize with the cursor, event owner selections, and time ranges, and can adjust their content accordingly.

IPC representation

> The flow of interprocess communication (e.g. messages, pulses) is represented by a vertical arrow between the two elements.
>
> You can toggle IPC tracing on/off by pressing I or clicking this button in the toolbar:

> Turn on the IPC tracing

Display Event Labels

> The **Display Event Labels** button in the toolbar ( ) toggles kernel-event labels. I/O events, memory events, etc. are all given labels when this is enabled:

Types of selection

Within the editor, you can select either of the following:

- an element (e.g. a process or thread)

- a point in time

Elements

To select a single element, simply click the element's name. To unselect an element, press and hold the Ctrl key, then click each selected element's name.

To select multiple elements, press and hold the Ctrl key, then click each element's name.

Time

To select a point in time, click an element on the timeline.

To select a range, click the start point on the timeline, then drag and release at the end point.

Or, select the start point, then hold down the Shift key and select the end point.

Zooming

When zooming in, the display centers the selection. If a time-range selection is smaller than the current display, the display adjusts to the range selection (or by a factor of two).

When zooming out, the display centers the selection and adjust by a factor of two.

When using a preset zoom factor (100% to 0.01%), the display centers the current selection and adjust to the new factor.

There are various ways to zoom:

- right-click menu (**Display→Zoom**)

- toolbar icons

- hotkeys (**+** to zoom in; **-** to zoom out)

Scrolling

You use these keys to scroll through time:

To move:	Use this key:
The selection to the left by one event	←
The selection to the right by one event	→
The display to the right by one page (horizontal scrollbar thumb size)	Shift – →

continued...

To move:	Use this key:
The display to the left by one page (horizontal scrollbar thumb size)	Shift – ←
The display to the beginning of the timeline	Shift – Home
The display to the end of the timeline	Shift – End

You use these keys to scroll through elements:

To move the display:	Use this key:
Up by one element	↑
Down by one element	↓
Up by one page (horizontal scrollbar thumb size)	Page Up
Down by one page (horizontal scrollbar thumb size)	Page Down
To the top of the element list	Home
To the bottom of the element list	End

Hovering

When you pause your mouse pointer over an element or an event, you'll see relevant information (e.g. PID, timestamps, etc.).

Other views in the System Profiler

There are a number of additional components outside of the editor that you can use to examine the event data in more detail:

Trace Event Log view

> This view can display additional details for the events surrounding the cursor in the editor. The additional detail includes the event number, time, class, and type, as well as decoding the data associated with a particular event.

Trace Search panel

Invoked by Ctrl – H (or via **Search→Search...**), this panel lets you execute more complex event queries than are possible with the Find dialog.

You can define conditions, which may include regular expressions for matching particular event data content (e.g. all *MsgSend* events whose calling function corresponds to *mmap()*). You can then evaluate these conditions and place annotations directly into the System Profiler editor. The results are shown in the Search view.

Unlike the other search panels in the IDE, the **Trace Search** panel can search for events only in the currently active System Profiler editor. You use this search panel to build conditions and then combine them into an expression. A search iterates through the events from the active log file and be applied against the expression; "hits" appear in the Search Results view and are highlighted in the System Profiler editor.

By default, the **Trace Search** panel returns up to 1000 hits. You can change this maximum on the **QNX→System Profiler** of the Preferences dialog (**Window→Preferences**).

Condition Statistics, Event Owner Statistics, General Statistics views
These views provide a tabular statistical representation of particular events. The statistics can be gathered for the entire log file or for a selected range.

☞ You'll need to click the **Refresh** button (⟳) to populate these views with data.

Here's an example of the General Statistics view:

Properties view

Shows information about the log file that was captured, such as the date and time as well as the machine the log file was captured on.

Chapter 13

Common Wizards Reference

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This chapter describes the IDE's wizards.

Introduction

Wizards guide you through a sequence of tasks, such as creating a new project or converting an existing non-IDE project to a QNX C/C++ application or library project.

Wizards aren't directly connected to any perspective. You can access all the project creation wizards from the main menu by selecting **File→New→Other…**.

In the New Project dialog, the wizards are categorized according to the nature of the project. If you expand **C**, you'll see all projects that have a C nature; expand **QNX**, and you'll see all the projects with a QNX nature:

Notice the overlap: the QNX C Project wizard appears in both **C** and **QNX**.

Besides the nature-specific wizards, the IDE also has "simple" wizards that deal with the very basic elements of projects: Project, Folder, and File. These elements have no natures associated with them. You can access these wizards by selecting **File→New→Other. . .→Simple**.

☞ Although a project may seem to be nothing other than a directory in your workspace, the IDE attaches special meaning to a project — it won't automatically recognize as a project any directory you happen to create in your **workspace**.

But once you've created a project in the IDE, you can bring new folders and files into your project folder, even if they were created outside the IDE (e.g. using Windows Explorer). To have the IDE recognize such folders and files:

➤ In the Navigator view, right-click the navigator pane and select **Refresh**.

Creating a C/C++ project

You use the New Project wizard to create a C or C++ project, which can be one of these varieties:

QNX C Project (application)
QNX C++ Project (application)

> A C or C++ application for multiple target platforms. It supports the QNX-specific project structure using **common.mk** files to perform a QNX recursive **make**.

☞ If you open a **common.mk** file in the editor, you can toggle the display
to reveal hidden internal code by clicking the expand icon in the
editor:

QNX C Project (library)
QNX C++ Project (library)

> A library that other projects can reference. In most other
> respects, library projects resemble QNX C/C++ application
> Projects.

Standard Make C Project
Standard Make C++ Project

> A basic C or C++ project that uses a standard **Makefile** and
> GNU **make** to build the source files. You don't get the added
> functionality of the QNX build organization and the
> **common.mk** file, but these standard projects adapt well to your
> existing code that you wish to bring into the IDE. (For more
> about **Makefile**s and the **make** utility, see the Conventions for
> Makefiles and Directories appendix in the *Neutrino
> Programmer's Guide*.)

As a rule, the IDE provides UI elements to control most of the build
properties of QNX projects, but not of Standard Make projects (unless
you consider a **Makefile** a "UI element").

How to create a C/C++ project

To create a C/C++ project :

1 From the menu, select **File→New→Project...**.

2 In the left pane, select the project's nature according to this table:

If you want to build a:	Select:
Standard Make C project	**C**
QNX C application project	**C** or **QNX**
QNX C library project	**C** or **QNX**
Standard Make C++ application project	**C++**
QNX C++ application project	**C++** or **QNX**
QNX C++ library project	**C++** or **QNX**

3 In the right pane, select the type of project that you want (e.g. **QNX C Project**).

4 Click **Next**.

5 Give your project a name.

☞ Even though the wizard allows it, don't use any of the following characters in your project name (they'll cause problems later): **| ! $ (") & ' : ; \ ' * ? [ ] # ~ = % < > { }**

6 Ensure that **Use Default Location** is checked.

7 Select the type (application or library):

If you're building a library, see below.

8   Click **Next**. The wizard displays the appropriate tabs.

9   Select each tab and fill in the required information. The fields for each tab are described in the "Tabs in the New C/C++ Project wizard" section, below.

10   Click **Finish**. The IDE creates your new project in your workspace.

☞ In the C/C++ Development perspective, you can also access the QNX C/C++ Projects wizards via the New C/C++ Project button:

If you're building a library project

You'll need to choose the type of library you wish to build:

Static library (**libxx.a**)

>   Combine binary object files (i.e. ***.o**) into an archive that is
>   directly linked into an executable.

Shared library (**libxx.so**)

>   Combine binary objects together and join them so they're
>   relocatable and can be shared by many processes. Shared
>   libraries are named using the format **libxx.so.***version*, where
>   *version* is a number with a default of 1. The **libxx.so** file is a
>   symbolic link to the latest version.

Static library for shared objects (**libxxS.a**)

> Same as static library, but using position-independent code (PIC). Use this if you want a library that is linked into a shared object. The System Builder uses these types of libraries to create new shared libraries that contain only the symbols that are absolutely required by a specific set of programs.

Shared library without export (**xx.dll**)

> A shared library without versioning. Generally, you manually open the library with the *dlopen()* function and look up specific functions with the *dlsym()* function.

If you're building a Standard Make C/C++ project

Since this type of project doesn't use the QNX recursive multivariant **Makefile** structure, you'll have to set up your own **Makefile**.

Here's how to create a simple "Hello World" non-QNX project:

1 Open the New Project wizard.

2 Select Standard Make C (or C++) Project, then click Next.

3 Name your project, then click Finish. The IDE has now created a project structure.

☞ Even though the wizard allows it, don't use any of the following characters in your project name (they'll cause problems later): **| !
$ (") & ' : ; \ ' * ? [ ] # ~ = % < > { }**

4 Now you'll create a makefile for your project. In the Navigator view, highlight your project, then click the **Create a File** button on the toolbar:

New C/C++ Source File

5 Name your file "**Makefile**" and click Finish. The editor should now open, ready for you to create your **Makefile**.

Here's a sample **Makefile** you can use:

```
CC:=qcc

hello: hello.c

all: hello

clean:
    rm -f hello.o hello
```

☞ Use Tab characters to indent commands inside of **make** rules, *not* spaces.

6 When you're finished editing, save your file (right-click, then select Save, or click the Save button in the tool bar).

7 Finally, you'll create your "hello world" C (or C++) source file. Again, open a new file, which might look something like this when you're done:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <stdio.h>

int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
    printf("Hello, world!\n");
    return EXIT_SUCCESS;
}
```

Tabs in the New C/C++ Project wizard

Depending on the type of project you choose, the New Project wizard displays different tabs:

QNX C or C++ application or library project

Tabs:

- Build Variants
- Projects
- Make Builder
- Error Parsers

● Options

Standard Make C or C++ project

Tabs:

● Projects

● Make Builder

● Error Parsers

● Binary Parser

● Paths and Symbols

Build Variants tab

The Build Variants tab lets you choose the platforms to compile executables for:

☞ By default, *all* platforms are enabled. You might want to set your preferences for QNX projects to build only for the specific target platforms you want. To do this, open **Window→Preferences→QNX→New Project→Build Variants**.

Click the **Select All** button to enable all of the listed variants, or the **Deselect All** button to disable all of the listed variants.

You can click the **Add** button to add a new variant under the currently selected target architecture, or the **Delete** button to remove the currently selected variant.

You must choose at least one platform to be the default build variant:

1 Select the build variant you want as the default.

2 Click the **Default** button.

The variant's name changes to include "- default" and a blue exclamation mark is displayed beside it to indicate that it is now the default build variant.

Projects tab

The Projects tab lets you specify your preferred order of building:

For example, if you associate *myProject* with *mySubProject*, the IDE builds *mySubProject* first when you rebuild all your projects. If you change *mySubProject*, the IDE doesn't automatically rebuild *myProject*.

Make Builder tab

The Make Builder tab lets you configure how the IDE handles `make` errors, what command to use to build your project, and when to do a build:

Build Setting   If you want the IDE to stop building when it encounters a **make** or compile error, check **Stop on Error**. Otherwise, check **Keep Going On Error**.

Build Command

    If you want the IDE to use the default **make** command, check **Use Default**. If you want to use a different utility, uncheck **Use Default** and enter your own command in the Build Command field (e.g. **C:/**_myCustomMakeProgram_).

Workbench Build Behavior

> You can specify how you want the IDE to build
> your project:
>
> - whenever you save any file in your project
>
> - incremental build (**`make all`**)
>
> - full rebuild (**`make clean all`**)

Error Parsers

The Error Parsers tab lets you specify which build output parsers (e.g.
Intel C/C++ Compiler Error Parser, CDT GNU Assembler Error
Parser, etc.) apply to this project and in which order. To change the
order, simply select an item, then use the **Up** or **Down** buttons to
position the item where you want in the list.

Options tab

The Options tab lets you specify several attributes for the project you're building:

General options By default, some project properties (e.g. active targets) are local — they're stored in the `.metadata` folder in your own workspace. If you want other developers to share *all* of your project's properties, then set **Share all project properties** on. The IDE then stores the properties in a `.cdtproject` file, which you can save in your version control system so that others may share the project file.

Build Options   If you want to profile your application and take full advantage of the QNX Application Profiler, then check **Build with Profiling** (see the Profiling an Application chapter in this guide).

If you want use the QNX Code Coverage tool, then check **Build with Code Coverage** (see the Using Code Coverage chapter in this guide).

If you want the IDE to do more dependency checking than it normally would, then set the **Enhanced dependency checking** option on. Note that this means slower builds, so you may want to turn this off in order to improve build times.

Binary Parser tab

If you're building a Standard Make C/C++ project, then this tab lets you define which binary parser (e.g. ELF Parser) should be used to deal with the project's binary objects.

Discovery Options tab

If you're building a Standard Make C/C++ project, then this tab lets you control how include paths and C/C++ macro definitions for this particular project are automatically discovered. Certain features of the IDE (e.g. syntax highlighting, code assistance, etc.) rely on this information, as do source-code parsers.

☞ At a later time, you can supply this data using the **Search Paths** item in the project properties.

C/C++ Indexer tab

If you're building a Standard Make C/C++ project, then this tab lets you control the C/C++ source code indexer. Certain features of the IDE rely on this information.

Creating a target

You must create a *Target System Project* for every target you want to use with the IDE.

To create a new target:

1   From the menu, select **File**→**New**→**Project…**.

2   In the left pane, select **QNX**.

3   In the right pane, select **QNX Target System Project**.

4   Click **Next**. The New QNX Target System Project wizard appears:

5   Complete the fields described below:

Target Name   Type a descriptive name for your QNX Target System Project.

Project contents

Check **Use default** to store it in your workspace, or turn this option off and select another location in the **Directory** field.

QNX Connector Selection

> Type the target connection in the Hostname or IP and Port fields. If you're running the IDE on a QNX Neutrino machine running **qconn**, then check **Use local QNX Connector**; the IDE automatically fills in the connection information. (If you wish to connect to a different target, you may turn **Use local QNX Connector** off, and then fill in the fields manually.)

Target Configuration

> This section is for a future feature.

6   Click **Finish**. Your new QNX Target System Project appears in the Navigator view. When you create a launch configuration, the target is listed under the Main tab in the Target Options pane. Note that you can use the **Add New Target** button in the Target Options pane to open the New Target System Project wizard.

☞   You can also reach the New Target System Project wizard from within the Target Navigator view (right-click, then select **Add New Target**).

Converting projects

At various times, you may need to convert non-QNX projects to QNX projects (i.e. give them a QNX nature). For example, suppose another developer committed a project to CVS without the **.project** and **.cdtproject** files. The IDE won't recognize that project as a QNX project when you check it out from CVS, so you'd have to convert it. Or, you may wish to turn a Standard Make C/C++ project into a QNX C/C++ project in order to take advantage of the QNX recursive **Makefile** hierarchy (a project with a QNX nature causes the IDE to use the QNX **make** tools and structure when building that project).

The IDE lets you convert many projects at once, provided you're converting all those projects into projects of the same type.

☞ If you wish to convert a QNX project back into a Standard Make C/C++ project, you can use the Convert C/C++ Projects wizard. From the main menu, select **File→New→Other…**. Expand **C**, then select **Convert to a C or C++ Project**.

Converting to a QNX project

To convert a non-QNX project to a QNX project:

1 From the menu, select **File→New→Other…**.

2 Expand **QNX**.

3 Select **Convert to a QNX Project**.

4 Click **Next**. The Convert C/C++ Projects wizard appears.

5 Select the project(s) you want to convert in the **Candidates for conversion** field.

6 Specify the language (C or C++).

7 Specify the type of project (application or library).

8 Click **Finish**. Your converted project appears in the C/C++ Projects view and the Navigator view.

☞ You now have a project with a QNX nature, but you'll need to make further adjustments (e.g. specify a target platform) via the Properties dialog if you want it to be a *working* QNX project.

Completing the conversion

The conversion wizard gave your Standard Make project a QNX nature; you now need to use the Properties dialog to fully convert your project to a working QNX project.

To bring up the Properties dialog of a project:

1 In the C/C++ Projects or Navigator view, right-click your project.

2 Select **Properties** from the context menu. The Properties dialog appears:

3   In the left pane, select **QNX C/C++ Project**.

4   Specify the properties you want using the available tabs:

Options	See the section "Tabs in the New C/C++ Project wizard" above.
Build Variants	See the section "Tabs in the New C/C++ Project wizard" above.
General	In the **Installation directory** field, you can specify the destination directory (e.g. `bin`) for the output binary you're building. (For more information, see the Conventions for Makefiles and Directories appendix in the *Neutrino Programmer's Guide*.)
	In the **Target base name** field, you can specify your binary's base name, i.e. the name without any prefixes or suffixes. By default, the IDE uses your project name as the executable's base name. For example, if your project is called "Test_1," then a debug

> version of your executable would be called "Test_1_g" by default.
>
> In the **Use file name**, enter the name of the file containing the usage message for your executable. (For more on usage messages, see the entry for **usemsg** in the *Utilities Reference*.

Compiler	See the section "Compiler tab" below.
Linker	See the section "Linker tab" below.
Make Builder	See the section "Tabs in the New C/C++ Project wizard" above.
Error Parsers	See the section "Tabs in the New C/C++ Project wizard" above.

5   When you've finished specifying the options you want, click **Apply**, then **OK**. The conversion process is complete.

Compiler tab

The Compiler tab changes depending on which of the three categories you select:

- General options

- Extra source paths

- Extra include paths

Compiler type   If you've selected **General options**, the first item you specify is the type of compiler. Currently, the choices are:

- GCC 2.95.3
- GCC 3.3.5
- Intel (**icc**), if you've installed the Intel ICC for QNX Neutrino product

Output options   Here you can specify the warning level (0 to 9), i.e. the threshold level of warning messages that the compiler outputs. You can also choose to have the preprocessor output intermediate code to a file; the IDE names the output file *your_source_file*.i (C) or *your_source_file*.ii (C++), using the name of your source file as the base name.

Code generation   For the **Optimization level**, you can specify four levels: from 0 (no optimization) to 3 (most

optimization). In the **Stack size** field, you can specify the stack size, in bytes or kilobytes.

Definitions field   Here you can specify the list of compiler defines to be passed to the compiler on the command line in the form **-D** *name***[=***value***]**, but you don't have to bother with the **-D** part; the IDE adds it automatically.

Other options field

Here you can specify any other command-line options that aren't already covered in the Compiler tab. For more information on the compiler's command-line options, see **qcc** in the *Utilities Reference*.

Extra source paths

If you want to specify source locations other than your project's root directory, select this category. Then click the appropriate button to specify the location:

- **Project...** — You can add source from another project in your current workspace. Note that the IDE uses relocatable notation, so even if other team members have different workspace locations, they can all work successfully without having to make any additional project adjustments.

- **QNX target...** — You can add source from anywhere in or below your **${**QNX_TARGET**}** directory on your host.

- **Disk...** — You can choose to add source from anywhere in your host's filesystem.

Extra include paths

You can specify a list of directories where the compiler should look for include files. The options

here are the same as for **Extra source paths**,
except that here you can change the order of
directories in the list, which can be important if
you happen to have more than one header file with
the same name.

Linker tab

The Linker tab changes depending on which of the four categories
you select:

- General options

- Extra library paths

- Extra libs

- Post-build actions

Export symbol options

> This field lets you define the level of final stripping of your binary, ranging from exporting all symbols to removing just the debugger symbols to removing them all.

Generate map file

> If you set this option on, the IDE prints a link map to the build console.

Build goal name
> Specify the output filename for an application or library project. Note that the name you enter in this field forces the library's shared-object name to match.
>
> By default, a generated application has the same name as the project it's built from. A library has prefix of "`lib`" and a suffix of "`.a`" or "`.so`" after the project name. In addition, debug variants of applications and libraries have a suffix of "`_g`."

Link against CPP library (valid for C++ projects only)
> Select the particular C++ library you want to use. QNX Momentics currently ships with these C++ libraries:
>
> - **Default** — The standard QNX C++ library, with support for all standard C++ features (exceptions, STL, etc.).
>
> - **Dinkum with exceptions** and **Dinkum without exceptions** — The Dinkum C++ library, with support for exceptions or without.
>
> - **Dinkum Abridged with exceptions** and **Dinkum Abridged without exceptions** — The Dinkum Abridged C++ library, with support for exceptions or without.
>
> - **Dinkum Embedded with exceptions** and **Dinkum Embedded without exceptions** —

The Dinkum Embedded C++ library, with support for exceptions or without.

- **GNU with exceptions** — The GNU G++ Standard Library, with support for exceptions.

Compiling C++ code without support for exceptions usually results in a faster executable.

Library shared object name

You can use this field to override the shared-object name used in C/C++ library projects. Note that this doesn't affect the actual filename.

☞ If you specify a filename in the **Build goal name** field, don't use the Library shared object name field.

Library version This dropdown list lets you select a version number for both the library's shared-object name and filename. If this is a library that doesn't have a version number (e.g. "**platform.so**"), then select "No."

Note that you can still set the library version even if **Build goal name** is specified.

Other options field

Here you can specify any other command-line options that aren't already covered in the Linker tab. For more information on the linker's options, see the entry for **ld** in the *Utilities Reference*.

Extra library paths

Select this category if you want to specify locations where the linker should look for import libraries (**.so** or **.a** files). Then click the appropriate button to specify the location. (These buttons work the same as those in the Compiler tab when you select **Extra source paths**.)

Extra libraries   Here you can add a list of libraries (`.so` or `.a` files) to search for unsatisfied references. For each item in this list, you can define:

- Stripped name, the base name without the `lib` prefix (which `ld` adds automatically) and without the suffix (`.so` or `.a`).

- Library type (static or dynamic)

- Debug/Release mode. A "No" or "Yes" in this field indicates whether or not the builder matches the debug or release version of the library with the final binary's type. For example, if you select "Yes" and you want to link against a debug version of the library, the IDE appends "`_g`" to the library's base name. If you select "No," then the builder passes (to `ld`) this name exactly as you entered it. So, if you wanted to use a release version of your binary and link against a *debug* version of the library, you'd specify `MyLibraryName_g` as the name.

☞ Adding a new element to the extra library list automatically adds the directory where this library resides to the **Extra library paths** list (see above), if it's not already there. But if you remove an item from the list, its parent directory is *not* automatically removed.

You can add a library in two ways:

- **Add** button — lets you create an empty element and define it manually

- **Add from project** — lets you browse your workspace for the library. Note that when you add a library from your workspace, the IDE uses relocatable notation so other members with different workspace locations can all work successfully without having to make any project adjustments.

Extra object files   This lets you link a project against any object file
                     or library, regardless of the filename.

☞   The file-selection dialog may seem slow when adding new files. This
    is because the system can't make assumptions about naming
    conventions and instead must use a binary parser to determine if a file
    is an object file or a library.

    Note also that the **Extra object files** option is available for an
    individual platform only. If a project has more than one active
    platform, you can't use this feature. In that case, you can still specify
    extra object files using the Advanced mode for each platform
    separately.

Post-build actions

              When you select this category and click the **Add**
              button, you'll see a dialog that lets you select one
              of four predefined post-build actions for your
              project:

              ● Copy result to other location

              ● Move result to other location

              ● Rename result

              ● Run other shell command

              In the **What** field, you specify the item (e.g.
              application) you want to copy or move; in the
              Where field, you specify the destination. You can
              use the **To Workspace** or **To Filesystem** buttons to
              locate the place.

              If you select **Rename result**, a **New Name** field
              appears for you to enter the name. If you select
              Other command, enter the shell command in the
              field.

              Note that you can set up more than one post-build
              action; they're processed sequentially.

Advanced/regular modes

The Properties dialog can appear in two different modes: regular (default) and advanced.

To activate the advanced mode, press the **Advanced** button at the bottom of the dialog.

To return to regular mode, press the **Regular** button.

In advanced mode, you can override various options that were set at the project level for the particular build variant you've selected:

- platform (the one specified or all supported platforms)

- build mode (e.g. debug, release, user-defined)

- compiler options

- linker options

For example, you can change the optimization level for a particular C file, specify which set of import libraries to use for a specific architecture, and so on.

During the final build, the IDE merges the options you've set for the project's general configuration with the advanced options, giving priority to the advanced settings.

Importing projects

Use the Import wizard to bring resources into your workspace from a filesystem, ZIP archive, or CVS repository.

To bring up the Import wizard:

➤ Choose **File**→**Import...**.

Or

Right-click in the Navigator or C/C++ Projects view, then choose **Import...**.

The Import wizard.

The Import wizard can import resources from several different sources:

- Existing Container Project into Workspace

- Existing Project into Workspace

- External Features

- External Plug-ins and Fragments

- File System

- GCC Coverage Data from Project

- QNX Board Support Package

- QNX mkifs Buildfile

- QNX Source Package

- Team Project Set

- Zip file

Existing Container Project into Workspace

To import a container project and its associated C/C++ projects from another workspace:

1 In the Import wizard, choose **Existing Container Project into Workspace** and click the **Next** button.

The IDE displays the **Import Container Project From File System** panel.

Importing a container project.

2   Enter the full path to an existing container project directory in the **Project contents** field, or click the **Browse...** button to select a container project directory using the file selector.

Click **Next** to continue. The IDE displays the **Select components to install** panel.

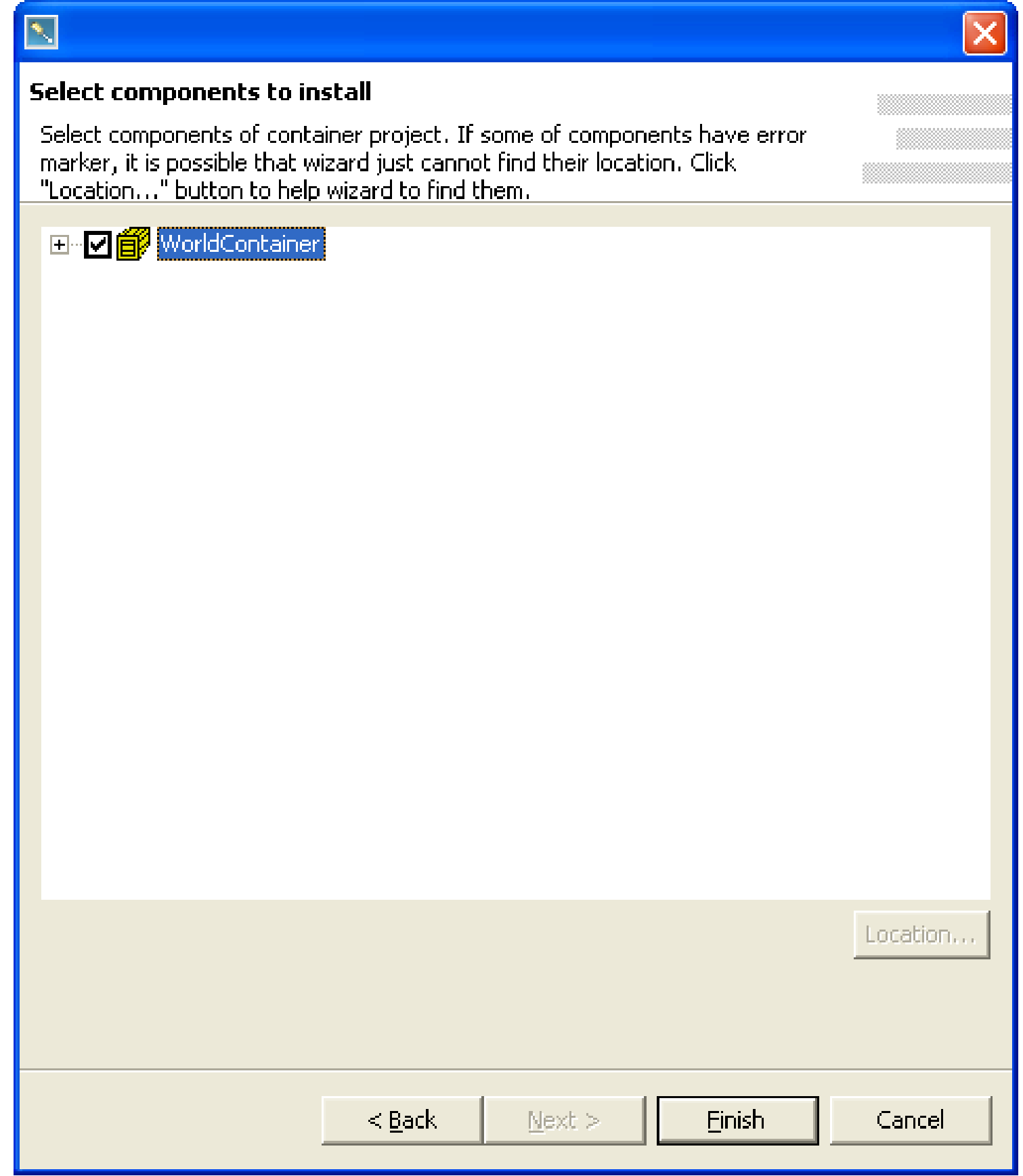

Selecting container components to import.

3 By default, every project reference by the container project is also be imported. To exclude certain projects, expand the project tree and deselect projects you don't want to import.

Click **Finish** to import the container project and its subprojects.

Existing Project into Workspace

To copy an existing project from another workspace:

1 In the Import wizard, choose **Existing Project into Workspace** and click the **Next** button.

The IDE displays the **Import Project From Filesystem** panel.

Importing an existing project.

2 Enter the full path to an existing project directory in the **Project contents** field, or click the **Browse...** button to select a project directory using the file selector.

3 Click the **Finish** button to import the selected project into your workspace.

External Features

Eclipse developers use this for developing IDE plugins and features.

External Plugins and Fragments

Eclipse developers use this for developing IDE plugins and features.

File System

To copy files and folders from your filesystem into an existing project in your workspace:

1 In the Import wizard, choose **File System** and click the **Next** button.

The IDE displays the **File system** panel.

Importing code from the filesystem.

2 Enter the full path to the code in the **From directory** field, or click the **Browse…** button to select a source directory.

3 Use the **Filter Types…**, **Select All**, and **Deselect All** buttons to control which files are imported.

Click a directory on the left panel to see a list of files in the right panel.

*The **Select Types** dialog lets you filter imported files by selecting one or more extensions.*

4   Enter the name of a project or folder in the **Into folder** field, or click the **Browse…** button to select one.

☞ This project or folder must already exist before you bring up the Import wizard.

Browsing for a project or folder.

5 To overwrite existing files, check the **Overwrite existing resources without warning** box.

6 To import only the selected folders, check **Create selected folders only**.

To import the selected folder and all sub folders, check **Create complete folder structure**.

7 Click **Finish** to import the selected resources.

GCC Coverage Data from Project

The **GCC Coverage Data from Project** option in the Import wizard lets you import code coverage data from applications that have been run outside of the IDE.

For example, in a self-hosted build environment, if you run a code-coverage-enabled program from the command-line, it writes code-coverage data into a *programname*`.da` file in the same directory as the program's code.

To import code-coverage data:

1 In the Import wizard, choose **GCC Coverage Data from Project** and click the **Next** button.

The IDE displays the **GCC Coverage Import** panel.

Importing GCC coverage data.

2 Enter a code-coverage session name in the **Session name** field.

3 Enter a project name in the **Project** field, or click the **Browse...** button to select a project.

4 Click **Next** to continue.

The IDE displays the next panel.

Referenced projects and comments.

5 To include code-coverage data from referenced projects, select them in the **Referenced projects to include coverage data from** list.

6 To include any comments with the new code-coverage session (such as details about the data you're importing), enter them in the **Comments for this coverage session** field.

7 Click **Finish** to import the code coverage data as a new session in the **Code Coverage Sessions** view.

QNX Board Support Package

To copy a Board Support Package (BSP) into your workspace:

1   In the Import wizard, choose **QNX Board Support Package** and click the **Next** button.

The IDE displays the **Import QNX BSP** panel.

Importing a BSP.

2   Select an installed BSP from the **Known Packages** list.

You can also enter the full path to a BSP archive (`.zip` file) in
the **Filename** field, or click the **Select Package...** button to
browse to a BSP archive.

Click **Next** to continue.

The IDE displays the **Select Source Projects** panel.

Selecting source projects from a BSP archive.

3   All of the projects in the BSP archive are imported by default.
Uncheck any projects you don't need to import. Click **Next** to
continue.

The IDE displays the **Select Working Set** panel.

Selecting a working set from a BSP archive.

4   To change the working-set name for the imported projects,
enter a new working-set name in the **Working Set Name** field,
or select one from the drop-down list.

To change the project name's prefix, enter a new prefix in the
Project Name Prefix field. This is prepended to the name of
each project imported from the BSP archive.

To change the destination directory for the projects, enter a new path in the **Directory for Projects** field, or click the **Browse...** button to select one. The default is your IDE workspace.

Click **Finish** to import the BSP projects.

The IDE imports the selected projects from the BSP archive and displays the Build Projects dialog.

Building BSP projects.

5   Click **Yes** to build all of the BSP projects that were just imported. Click **No** to return to the IDE.

QNX mkifs Buildfile

The IDE can import the **.build** files used by **mkifs** into an existing System Builder project.

To import a **mkifs .build** file:

1   In the Import wizard, choose **QNX mkifs Buildfile** and click the **Next** button.

The IDE displays the **Import mkifs Buildfile** panel.

Importing a mkifs .build file.

2   Enter the full path to a `mkifs .build` file in the **Select the file to import** field, or click the **Browse…** button to select one.

3   Click the **Browse…** button beside **Select the destination project** to select a destination for this import.

The IDE displays the **Select System Builder Project** dialog.

Selecting a destination System Builder project.

4   Select one or more project, then click **OK**.

The IDE imports the selected `.build` file's System Builder configuration.

QNX Source Package

To copy a QNX Source Package into your workspace:

1   In the Import wizard, choose **QNX Source Package** and click the **Next** button.

The IDE displays the **Import QNX Source Package** panel.

Importing a QNX Source Package.

2   Select an installed source package from the **Known Packages** list.

You can also enter the full path to a source package (**`.zip`** file) in the **Filename** field, or click the **Select Package...** button to browse to a source package.

Click **Next** to continue.

The IDE displays the **Select Source Projects** panel.

3 All of the projects in the source package are imported by default. Uncheck any projects you don't need to import. Click **Next** to continue.

The IDE displays the **Select Working Set** panel.

4 To change the working-set name for the imported projects, enter a new working-set name in the **Working Set Name** field, or select one from the drop-down list.

To change the project name prefix, enter a new prefix in the **Project Name Prefix** field. This is prepended to the name of each project imported from the source package.

To change the destination directory for the projects, enter a new path in the **Directory for Projects** field, or click the **Browse...** button to select one. The default is your IDE workspace.

Click **Finish** to import the projects.

The IDE imports the selected projects from the source package and displays the **Build Projects** dialog.

Building package projects.

5 Click **Yes** to build all of the projects that were just imported. Click **No** to return to the IDE.

Team Project Set

Team project sets are a convenient way of distributing a collection of projects stored in a CVS server among members of your development team. Create them with the Export wizard.

To import a team project set and the projects it references:

1 In the Import wizard, choose **Team Project Set** and click the **Next** button.

The IDE displays the **Import a Team Project Set** panel.

Importing a Team Project Set.

2   To create a working-set for the imported projects, check the
Create a working set containing the imported projects box,
and enter a name for the working-set in the **Working Set Name**
field.

Click **Finish** to import the projects from the CVS repository.

Zip file

To copy files and folders from a ZIP archive into an existing project in your workspace:

1   In the Import wizard, choose **Zip File** and click the **Next** button.

The IDE displays the **Zip File** panel.

Importing code from a ZIP archive.

2   Enter the full path to the ZIP archive in the **From zip file** field, or click the **Browse...** button to select a ZIP archive.

3   Use the **Filter Types...**, **Select All**, and **Deselect All** buttons to control which files are imported.

Click a directory on the left panel to see a list of files in the right panel.

The Select Types dialog lets you filter imported files by selecting one or more extensions.

4   Enter the name of a project or folder in the **Into folder** field, or click the **Browse…** button to select one.

☞ This project or folder must already exist before you bring up the Import wizard.

Browsing for a project or folder.

5 To overwrite existing files, check the **Overwrite existing resources without warning** box.

6   To import only the selected folders, check **Create selected folders only**.

To import the selected folder and all sub folders, check **Create complete folder structure**.

7   Click **Finish** to import the selected resources.

Chapter 14

Launch Configurations Reference

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You must set up a Launch Configuration before you can run or debug a program.

What is a launch configuration?

To run or debug programs with the IDE, you must set up a *launch configuration* to define which programs to launch, the command-line options to use, and what values to use for environment variables. The configurations also define which special tools to run with your program (e.g. Code Coverage tool).

The IDE saves your launch configurations so you can quickly reproduce the particular execution conditions of a setup you've done before, no matter how complicated.

Each launch configuration specifies a single program running on a single target. If you want to run your program on a different target, you can copy and modify an existing launch configuration. And you can use the same configuration for both running and debugging your program, provided that your options are the same.

Types of launch configurations

The IDE supports these types of launch configurations:

C/C++ QNX QConn (IP)

> If you're connecting to your target machine by IP, select this configuration (even if your host machine is also your target). You'll have full debugger control and can use the Application Profiler, Memory Trace, and Code Coverage tools. Your target must be running `qconn`.

C/C++ QNX PDebug (Serial)

> If you can access your target only via a serial connection, select this configuration. Rather than use `qconn`, the IDE uses the serial capabilities of `gdb` and `pdebug` directly. This option is available only when you select **Debug**.

C/C++ Local   If you're developing on a self-hosted system, you may create a C/C++ Local launch configuration. You don't need to use `qconn`; the IDE launches your program through `gdb`.

C/C++ Postmortem debugger

> If your program produced a dump file (via the `dumper` utility) when it faulted, you can examine the state of your program by loading it into the postmortem debugger. This option is available only when you select **Debug**. When you debug, you're prompted to select a dump file.

PhAB Application

> If you wish to run a PhAB application, follow the steps for creating a C/C++ QNX QConn (IP) launch configuration.

The main difference between the C/C++ QNX QConn (IP) launch configurations and the other types is that the C/C++ QNX QConn (IP) type supports the runtime analysis tools (QNX System Profiler and QNX Memory Trace).

Running and debugging the first time

You can use the same launch configuration to run or debug a program. Your choices in the Launch Configurations dialog may cause subtle changes in the dialog but greatly affect such things as:

- options in the dialog

- how the IDE connects to the target

- what tools are available for the IDE to use

☞ The **Run** and **Debug** menu items appear in the C/C++ Development perspective by default, but they may not appear in all perspectives. You'll need the **Run→Run...** menu item in order to set up a launch configuration. To bring the menu item into your current perspective:

1 From the main menu, select **Window→Customize Perspective**.

2 Select the **Commands** tab.

3 Check the **Launch** box in the **Available command groups** list.

4 Click **OK**.

Debugging a program the first time

To create a launch configuration in order to debug a program for the first time:

1 In the C/C++ Projects or Navigator view, select your project.

2 From the main menu, select **Run→Debug…** (or, click the **Debug** icon and select **Debug…** from the dropdown menu).

3 Select a launch configuration type:

If you're connecting to your target via IP, select **C/C++ QNX QConn (IP)**. If not, see the "Types of launch configurations" section in this chapter before deciding.

4 Click **New**. The dialog displays the appropriate tabs.

5 Give this configuration a name.

6 Fill in the details in the various tabs. See the "Setting execution options" section in this chapter for details about each tab.

7 Click **Debug**. You can now launch and debug your program.

☞ You can also use the **Debug As** menu item to conveniently select a particular launch configuration:

Running a program the first time

When you configure a program to run, you should also configure it to debug as well.

☞ There are fewer options for running programs than for debugging. Some configurations aren't available.

To run a program the first time:

➤ Repeat the procedure for debugging a program (see "Debugging a program the first time"), with the following changes:

- Instead of selecting **Run→Debug** from the main menu, select **Run→Run...** (or, click the **Run** icon and select **Run...** from the dropdown menu).
- Instead of clicking **Debug** when you're done, click **Run**.
- Instead of running under the control of a debugger, your program simply runs.

☞ You can also use the **Run As** menu item to conveniently select a particular launch configuration:

The IDE also lets you run a program without creating a launch configuration, but the program's output doesn't appear in the Console view.

To run a program without using the launcher:

1 After building the program, drag the executable from the C/C++ Projects view to a target listed in the Target File System Navigator view. (To learn more about the view, see the "Moving files between the host and target" in the Building OS and Flash Images chapter.)

2 In the Target File System Navigator view, right-click your file and select **Run**. When the dialog appears, click **OK**. Your program runs.

Running and debugging subsequent times

Once you've created a launch configuration, running or debugging a program is as easy as selecting that configuration. You can do this in several ways:

- fast way: see "Launching a selected program"

- faster way: see "Launching from a list of favorites"

- fastest way: see "Launching the last-launched program"

Launching a selected program

To debug or run a program that you've created a launch configuration for:

1   From the main menu, select **Run→Debug…** or **Run→Run…**.

2   In the left pane, select the launch configuration you created when you first ran or debugged your program.

3   Click **Debug** or **Run**.

Launching from a list of favorites

If you have a program that you launch frequently, you can add it to the **Debug** or **Run** dropdown menu so you can launch it quickly.

☞   To use this method, you must have selected **Display in favorites** when you first created your launch configuration. If you didn't, edit the **Display in favorites menu** option under the Common tab. See "Setting execution options" in this chapter.

To debug or run a program using your favorites list:

1   Do one of the following:

- Run: From the main menu, select **Run→Run History**.

- Run: Click the dropdown menu (▼) part of the run menu button set ( ).

- Debug: From the main menu, select **Run→Debug History**.

- Debug: Click the dropdown menu (▼) part of the debug menu button set ( ).

You'll see a list of all the launch configurations you specified in the **Display in favorites menu**:

2   Select your launch configuration.

Launching the last-launched program

To relaunch the last program you ran or debugged:

➤   Press F11 or click the Debug or Run dropdown button (▼), then select *your launch configuration*.

Setting execution options

The Launch Configurations dialog has several tabs:

- Main

- Arguments

- Environment

- Download

- Debugger

- Source

- Common

- Tools

☞ All of these tabs appear when you select the **C/C++ QNX QConn (IP)** type of launch configuration; only some tabs appear when you select the other types.

Main tab

This tab lets you specify the project and the executable that you want to run or debug. The IDE might fill in some of the fields for you:

Different fields appear in the Main tab, depending on the type of configuration you're creating. Here are descriptions of all the fields:

Project   Enter the name of the project that contains the executable you want to launch. You may also locate a project by clicking **Browse…**. You can create or edit launch configurations only for open projects.

C/C++ Application

Enter the relative path of the executable's project directory (e.g. **x86/o/Test1_x86**). For QNX projects, an executable with a suffix of **_g** indicates it was compiled for debugging. You may also locate an available executable by clicking **Search…**.

Target Options

- If you don't want the IDE to create a "pseudo terminal" on the target that sends terminal output to the Console view on a line-by-line basis, then check the **Don't use terminal emulation on target** option. To use terminal emulation, your target must be running the **devc-pty** utility.

- If you want to filter-out platforms that don't match your selected executable, then set the **Filter targets based on C/C++ Application selection** on. For example, if you've chosen a program compiled for PowerPC, you'll see only PowerPC targets and offline targets.

- Select a target from the available list. If you haven't created a target, click the **Add New Target** button. For more information about creating a target, see the Common Wizards Reference chapter.

General Options

If you're creating a **C/C++ QNX PDebug (Serial)** launch configuration, then you'll see the **Stop in main** option, which is set on by default. This means that after you start the debugger, it stops in *main()* and waits for your input.

☞ For serial debugging, make sure that the pseudo-terminal communications manager (**devc-pty**) is running.

Serial Port Options

Here you can specify the serial port (e.g. **COM1** for Windows hosts; **/dev/ser1** for Neutrino) and the baud rate, which you select from the dropdown list.

Arguments tab

This tab lets you specify the arguments your program uses and the directory where it runs.

C/C++ Program Arguments

Enter the arguments that you want to pass on the command line. For example, if you want to send the equivalent of **myProgram -v -L 7**, type **-v -L 7** in this field. You can put **-v** and **-L 7**

on separate lines because the IDE automatically strings the entire contents together.

Working directory on target

The option **Use default working directory** is set on by default. This means the executable runs in the `/tmp` directory on your target. If you turn off this option, you can click **Browse...** to locate a different directory.

Environment tab

The Environment tab lets you set the environment variables and values to use when the program launches. For example, if you want to set the environment variable named **PHOTON** to the value `/dev/photon_2` when you run your program, use this tab. Click **New** to add an environment variable.

Download tab

The Download tab lets you tell the IDE whether to transfer an executable from the host machine to the target, or to select one that already resides on the target.

Executable   If you select **Download executable to target**, the IDE sends a fresh copy of the executable every time you run or debug.

The **Download directory on target** field shows the default directory of `/tmp` on your target. If you select the **Use executable on target** option, you'll need to specify a directory here. You can also use the **Browse…** button to locate a directory.

The **Strip debug information before downloading** option is set on by default. Turn it off if you don't want the IDE to strip the executable you're downloading to your target.

The **Use unique name** option is set on by default. This means the IDE makes your executable's filename unique (e.g. append a number) during each download session.

Extra libraries   The **Extra libraries** pane lets you select the shared libraries your program needs. If you click the **Auto** button, the IDE tries to automatically find the libraries needed. If you click **From project**, the IDE looks in your workspace for libraries.

You also have the option of not downloading any shared libraries to your target.

By default, the IDE removes the files it has downloaded after each session. If you don't want the IDE to "clean up" after itself, then turn off the **Remove downloaded components after session** option.

Debugger tab

The Debugger tab lets you configure how your debugger works. The content in the Debugger Options pane changes, depending on the type of debugger you select:

☞　　　The settings in the Debugger tab affect your executable only when
　　　you debug it, not when you run it.

Generic debugger settings

Debugger　　　The debugger dropdown list includes the available
　　　　　　　debuggers for the selected launch-configuration type.
　　　　　　　The list also varies depending on whether you're
　　　　　　　debugging a remote or a local target.

Stop at main() on startup

　　　　　　　This option is set on by default. If you turn it off, the
　　　　　　　program runs until you interrupt it manually, or until it
　　　　　　　hits a breakpoint.

Advanced button

　　　　　　　Click the **Advanced** button to display the Advanced
　　　　　　　Options dialog.

Enable these options if you want the system to track *every* variable and register as you step through your program. Disable the option if you want to *manually* select individual variables to work with in the Variables view in the debugger (see the Debugging Your Programs chapter). Disabling the **Registers** option works the same way for the Registers view.

Debugger Options

GDB command file

> This field lets you specify a file for running **gdb** using the **-command** option (see the *Utilities Reference*).

Load shared library symbols automatically

> This option (on by default) lets you watch line-by-line stepping of library functions in the C/C++ editor. You may wish to turn this option off if your target doesn't have much memory; the library symbols take up RAM on the target.
>
> You can use the pane to select specific libraries or use the **Auto** button to have the IDE attempt to select your libraries.

Stop on shared library events

> Choose this option if you want the debugger to break automatically when a shared library or DLL is loaded or unloaded.

Source tab

The Source tab lets you specify where the debugger should look for source files. By default, the debugger uses the source from your project in your workspace, but you can specify source from other locations (e.g. from a central repository).

To specify a new source location:

1   On the Source tab, click **Add...**. The Add Source Location dialog appears. You may choose to add the source either from your workspace or elsewhere:

        1a   If you wish to add source from your workspace, select **Existing Project Into Workspace**, click **Next**, select your project, and then click **Finish**.

        1b   If you wish to add source from outside your workspace, select **File System Directory**, and then click **Next**.

2 Type the path to your source in the **Select location directory** field or use the **Browse** button to locate your source.

If you want to specify a mapping between directories, choose the **Associate with** option and enter the directory in the available field. For example, if your program was built in the `C:/source1` directory and the source is available in the `C:/source2` directory, enter `C:/source2` in the first field and associate it with `C:/source1` using the second field.

If you want the IDE to recurse down the directories you pointed it at to find the source, then choose the **Search subfolders** option.

3 Click **Finish**. The IDE adds the new source location.

Common tab

The Common tab lets you define where the launch configuration is stored, how you access it, and what perspective you change to when you launch.

Type of launch configuration

> When you create a launch configuration, the IDE saves it as a
> **.launch** file. If you select **Local**, the IDE stores the
> configuration in one of its own plugin directories. If you select
> **Shared**, you can save it in a location you specify (such as in
> your project). Saving as **Shared** lets you commit the **.launch**
> file to CVS, which allows others to run the program using the
> same configuration.

Display in favorites

> You can have your launch configuration displayed when you
> click the Run or Debug dropdown menus in the toolbar. To do
> so, check the Run or Debug options under the **Display in
> favorites menu** heading.

Launch in background

> This is enabled by default, letting the IDE launch applications
> in the background. This lets you continue to use the IDE while

waiting for a large application to be transferred to the target and start.

Tools tab

The Tools tab lets you add runtime analysis tools to the launch. To do this, click the **Add/Delete Tool** button at the bottom of the tab:

You can add the following tools (some launch options affect which tools are available):

Application Profiler

> Lets you count how many times functions are called, who called which functions, and so on. For more on this tool, see the Profiling Your Application chapter.

Memory Analysis

Lets you track memory errors. For more on this tool, see the Finding Memory Errors chapter.

Code Coverage

> Lets you measure what parts of your program have run, and
> what parts still need to be tested. For more on this tool, see the
> Code Coverage chapter.

If you want the IDE to open the appropriate perspective for the tool during the launch, then check **Switch to this tool's perspective on launch**.

Appendix A

Tutorials

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Here are several tutorials to help you get going with the IDE.

Before you start. . .

Before you begin the tutorials, we recommend that you first familiarize yourself with the IDE's components and interface by reading the IDE Concepts chapter.

You might also want to look at the core Eclipse basic tutorial on using the workbench in the *Workbench User Guide* (**Help→Help Contents→Workbench User Guide**, then **Getting started→Basic tutorial**).

Tutorial 1: Creating a Standard Make C/C++ project

In this tutorial, you'll create a simple, Standard Make C/C++ project (i.e. a project that doesn't involve the QNX recursive **Makefile** structure).

You use the New Project wizard whenever you create a new project in the IDE. Follow these steps to create a simple "hello world" project:

1   To open the New Project wizard, select **File→New→Project...** from the main menu of the workbench.

2   In the wizard's left pane, select **C** (or C++). In the right pane, select **Standard Make C (or C++) Project**, then click **Next**:

3   Name your project (e.g. "`MyFirstProject`"), then click **Finish**. The IDE has now created a project structure.

4   Now you'll create a `Makefile` for your project. In the Navigator view (or the C/C++ Projects view — it doesn't matter which), highlight your project.

5   Click the **Create a File** button on the toolbar:

6   Name your file "**Makefile**" and click **Finish**. The editor
should now open, ready for you to create your **Makefile**.

Here's a sample **Makefile** you can use:

```
CC:=qcc

all: hello

hello: hello.c

clean:
    rm -f hello.o hello
```

☞

Use Tab characters to indent commands inside of **Makefile** rules,
not spaces.

7   When you're finished editing, save your file (right-click, then
select **Save**, or click the Save button in the tool bar).

8   Finally, you'll create your "hello world" C (or C++) source file.
Again, open a new file called **hello.c**, which might look
something like this when you're done:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <stdio.h>

int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
    printf("Hello, world!\n");
    return EXIT_SUCCESS;
}
```

Congratulations! You've just created your first Standard Make C/C++
project in the IDE.

For instructions on building your program, see the section "Building
projects" in the Developing C/C++ Programs chapter.

☞ In order to run your program, you must first set up a *Neutrino target system*. For details, see:

- the Preparing Your Target chapter

- the section "Running projects" in the Developing C/C++ Programs chapter.

Tutorial 2: Creating a QNX C/C++ project

Unlike Standard Make C/C++ projects, a QNX C/C++ project relies on the QNX recursive **Makefile** system to support multiple CPU targets. (For more on the QNX recursive **Makefile** system, see the Conventions for Makefiles and Directories appendix in the *Neutrino Programmer's Guide*.)

Follow these steps to create a simple QNX C (or C++) "hello world" project:

1   In the C/C++ Development perspective, click the **New QNX C Project** (or **New QNX C++ Project**) button in the toolbar:

The New Project wizard appears.

2   Name your project, then select the *type* (e.g. **Application**).

3   Click **Next** – but don't press Enter! (Pressing Enter at this point amounts to clicking the Finish button, which causes the IDE to create the project for *all* CPU variants, which you may not want.)

4   In the Build Variants tab, check the build variant that matches your target type, such as X86 (Little Endian), PPC (Big Endian), etc. and the appropriate build version (Release or Debug).

5   Click **Finish**. The IDE creates your QNX project and displays the source file in the editor.

Congratulations! You've just created your first QNX project.

For instructions on building your program, see the section "Building projects" in the Developing C/C++ Programs chapter.

☞   In order to run your program, you must first set up a *Neutrino target system*. For details, see:

• the Preparing Your Target chapter

• the section "Running projects" in the Developing C/C++ Programs chapter.

Tutorial 3: Importing an existing project into the IDE

In this tutorial, you'll use the IDE's *Import wizard*, which lets you import existing projects, files, even files from ZIP archives into your workspace.

☞   You can use various methods to import source into the IDE. For details, see the chapter Managing Source Code.

Follow these steps to bring one of your existing C or C++ projects into the IDE:

1   Select **File→Import. . .** to bring up the Import wizard.

2 In the Import wizard, choose **Existing Project into Workspace** and click the **Next** button.

The IDE displays the **Import Project From Filesystem** panel.

3 Enter the full path to an existing project directory in the **Project contents** field, or click the **Browse...** button to select a project directory using the file selector.

4 Click the **Finish** button to import the selected project into your workspace.

Congratulations! You've just imported one of your existing projects into the IDE.

Tutorial 4: Importing a QNX BSP into the IDE

QNX BSPs and other source packages are distributed as `.zip` archives. The IDE lets you import both kinds of packages into the IDE:

When you import:	The IDE creates a:
QNX BSP source package	System Builder project
QNX C/C++ source package	C or C++ application or library project

For more information on System Builder projects, see the Building OS and Flash Images chapter.

Step 1: Use File→Import. . .

You import a QNX source archive using the standard Eclipse import dialog:

As you can see, you can choose to import either a QNX BSP or a "source package." Although a BSP is, in fact, a package that contains source code, the two types are structured differently and generates different types of projects. If you try to import a BSP archive as a QNX Source Package, the IDE won't create a System Builder project.

Step 2: Select the package

After you choose the type of package you're importing, the wizard then presents you with a list of the packages found in **$QNX_TARGET/usr/src/archives** on your host:

Notice that as you highlight a package in the list, a description for that package is displayed.

To add more packages to the list:

1   Click the **Select Package...** button.

2   Select the **.zip** source archive you want to add.

Step 3: Select the source projects

Each source package contains several components (or *projects*, to use the IDE term). For the package you selected, the wizard then gives you a list of each source project contained in the archive:

You can decide to import only certain parts of the source package — simply uncheck the entries you don't want (they're all selected by default). Again, as you highlight a component, you'll see its description in the bottom pane.

Step 4: Select a working set

The last page of the import wizard lets you name your source projects. You can specify:

- Working Set Name — to group all related imported projects together as a set

- Project Name Prefix — for BSPs, this becomes the name of the System Builder project; for other source projects, this prefix allows the same source to be imported several times without any conflicts.

☞ If you plan to import a source BSP *and* a binary BSP into the IDE, remember to give each project a different name.

Step 5: Build

When you finish with the wizard, it creates all the projects and brings in the sources from the archive. It then asks if you want to build all the projects you've just imported.

☞ If you answer **Yes**, the IDE begins the build process, which may take several minutes (depending on how much source you've imported).

If you decide not to build now, you can always do a **Rebuild All** from the main toolbar's **Project** menu at a later time.

If you didn't import all the components from a BSP package, you can bring in the rest of them by selecting the System Builder project and opening the import wizard (right-click the project, then select **Import...**). The IDE detects your selection and then extends the existing BSP (rather than making a new one).

QNX BSP perspective

When you import a QNX Board Support Package, the IDE opens the QNX BSP perspective. This perspective combines the minimum elements from both the C/C++ Development perspective and the QNX System Builder perspective:

Congratulations! You've just imported a QNX BSP into the IDE.

Appendix B

Where Files Are Stored

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This appendix shows you where to find key files used by the IDE.

Here are some of the more important files used by the IDE:

Type of file	Default location
Workspace folder	`$HOME/workspace`
`.metadata` folder (for personal settings)	`$HOME/workspace/.metadata`
Error log	`$HOME/workspace/.metadata/.log`

On Windows, `C:/QNX630` is used instead of the **HOME** environment variable or the `C:/Documents and Settings/`*userid* directory (so the spaces in the path name don't confuse any of the tools).

☞ You can specify where you want your `workspace` folder to reside. For details, see the section "Running Eclipse" in the Tasks chapter of the *Workbench User Guide*. (To access the guide, open **Help→Help Contents**, then select *Workbench User Guide* from the list.)

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- **addr2line** — Convert addresses into line number/file name pairs (GNU)

- **dumper** — Dump the postmortem state of a program (QNX)

- **flashcmp** — Compress files for a Flash filesystem

- **gcc** — Compile and link a program (GNU)

- **gcov** — Gather code coverage data (GNU)

- **gdb** — Debugger (GNU)

- **gprof** — Code profiler (GNU)

- **icc** — Intel C and C++ compiler (x86 only, purchased separately)

- **ld** — Linker command (POSIX)

- **make** — Maintain, update, and regenerate groups of programs (POSIX)

- **mkefs** — Build an embedded filesystem (QNX Neutrino)

- **mkifs** — Build an OS image filesystem (QNX Neutrino)

- **mkimage** — Build a socket image from individual files (QNX Neutrino)

- **mkrec** — Convert a binary image into ROM format (QNX Neutrino)

- **mksbp** — Build a QNX System Builder project

- **objcopy** — Copy the contents of one object file to another (GNU)

- **pdebug** — Process-level debugger

- **pidin** — Display system statistics (QNX Neutrino)

- **procnto** — QNX Neutrino microkernel and process manager (QNX Neutrino)

- **qcc** — Compile command (QNX Neutrino, QNX 4)

- **qconfig** — Query and display QNX installations and configurations

- **qconn** — Provide service support to remote IDE components

- **QWinCfg** — Query and display QNX installations and configurations

- **sendnto** — Send an OS image to a target over a serial or parallel port (QNX 4 and Neutrino)

- **strip** — Remove unnecessary information from executable files (POSIX)

- **tracelogger** — Log tracing information

- **usemsg** — Change the usage message for a command (QNX Neutrino)

For more information, see the *Utilities Reference*.

Appendix D

Migrating from Earlier Releases

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You can easily migrate your old workspace and projects to this release.

Introduction

Upgrading from a previous version of the IDE involves two basic steps:

Step 1 — converting your development workspace to be compliant with the latest version of the IDE framework. The IDE performs this process automatically at startup when it detects an older workspace version.

☞ You can redirect the IDE to point at different workspaces by launching it with this command:

```
qde -data path_to_workspace
```

Step 2 — converting your individual projects. Depending on which version of the IDE framework you're migrating from (6.2.0 or 6.2.1), you'll have to take different steps to convert your projects.

From 6.3.0 to 6.3.0 Service Pack 2

In addition to the many fixes and enhancements to the QNX plug-ins, Service Pack 2 introduces a completely new version of the IDE, based on Eclipse 3 and CDT 2.

For a list of new workbench features, see What's New in 3.0 in the *Workbench User Guide* (**Help→Help Contents→Workbench User Guide→What's new**).

For a list of new CDT features, see What's new in the CDT? in the *C/C++ Development User Guide* (**Help→Help Contents→C/C++ Development User Guide→What's new**).

In addition to information about migrating your workspace and your projects, this section includes some issues you might run into.

Migrating your workspace

Your workspace is automatically upgraded the first time you launch the new IDE. This process is entirely automated and cannot be prevented. If you might need to revert to an older version of the IDE, be sure to read the Reverting to an older IDE section.

You get an error message on-screen during this process:

This is caused by internal changes to many of the perspectives commonly used for C/C++ development. You can safely ignore this error.

To prevent this error from coming up every time you load the IDE (and to prevent a similar error when you exit the IDE):

1   Switch to the IDE workbench, if necessary.

2   Choose **Window→Reset Perspective** from the menu.

3   Switch to each of your open perspectives, and repeat step 2.

☞   This error reappears later if you open a perspective that's currently closed, but that had been used at some point in the older IDE. Use this same process to get rid of the error message.

Resetting the existing perspectives also gives you full access to all of the new features available in views that were open in those perspectives.

Migrating your projects

Like your existing workspace, your projects are automatically upgraded to take advantage of the new IDE.

To complete the migration of your projects to the new IDE:

1   Right-click your project in the C/C++ Projects view or the Navigation view.

2   Select **Properties** from the pop-up menu.

3   If your project is a Standard Make C/C++ project, select **C/C++ Make Project** in the list on the left to display the **Make Builder** settings:

4 If your project is a QNX C/C++ project, select **QNX C/C++ Project** in the list on the left, then the **Make Builder** tab to display the **Make Builder** settings:

5   Check the **Clean** box in the **Workbench Build Behavior** group, and enter `clean` in the text field.

6   Click **Apply** to save your settings, or **OK** to save your settings and close the dialog.

7   Repeat this process for each of your projects.

Migration issues

- Intel ICC error parser

- File search error

- Reverting to an older IDE

- Missing features in context menus

- System Builder Console doesn't come to front

- Old launch configurations don't switch perspective automatically

Intel ICC error parser

If you have the Intel C/C++ Compiler installed, you need to update the **Error Parser** tab in the Properties dialog for each of your projects using ICC.

1 Right-click your project in the C/C++ Projects view or the Navigator view.

2 Choose **Properties** from the context menu. The project Properties dialog is displayed.

3 Choose the **QNX C/C++ Project** entry in the list on the left, then the **Error Parsers** tab.

In the list of error parsers, you'll notice a selected blank entry, and an unselected entry for the ICC error parser:

The selected blank entry is for the 6.3.0 ICC error parser, and the new ICC error parser is the 6.3.0 Service Pack 2 error parser.

4 Uncheck the blank entry.

5 Check the **Intel C/C++ Compiler Error Parser** entry.

6 Click **Apply** to save your changes, or **OK** to save your changes and close the dialog.

File search error

> If you're using a 6.3.0 workspace instead of a new 6.3.0 Service Pack
> 2 workspace, you may get errors when doing a file search
> (**Search→File...**):

> You can ignore this error; it doesn't affect the search results.
>
> To get rid of this error when doing file searches, create a new
> workspace and import your previous projects into the new workspace.

Reverting to an older IDE

> When you load an existing project created with an older version of the
> IDE, the IDE updates the project to take advantage of new features.

This can cause problems if you try to load the project into an older version of the IDE.

If you plan on reverting to an older version of the IDE, you need to make a backup copy of your workspace before using the new version of the IDE.

Your workspace is located in **C:/QNX630/workspace** under Windows, or **~/workspace** under QNX, Linux, and Solaris.

☞ Don't use **cp** to back up your workspace under Windows; use **xcopy** or an archiving/backup utility.

Importing into an older IDE

You can also import an existing project to an older version of the IDE:

1 Make a backup copy of your workspace.

2 Remove the **.cdtproject** and **.project** files from your project's directory.

3 Import your project into the older version of the IDE.

Missing features in context menus

If you're missing new features in context menus, such as the ones available in the C/C++ Projects perspective, or if you're missing standard views, such as the Problems view in the C/C++ Development perspective, you need to reset your perspective.

To reset your perspective, follow the instructions in the "Migrating your workspace" section.

System Builder Console doesn't come to front

By default, the QNX System Builder perspective's Console view doesn't automatically switch to the front when building. In the new IDE, changed views change the style of the view title.

If you prefer the old behavior and want the Console view to automatically come to the front during a build:

1 Choose **Window→Preferences** to open the Preferences dialog.

2 Expand the **C/C++** entry in the list, then choose **Build Console** to display the console preferences.

3 Check **Bring console to top when building (if present)**, then click the **OK** button to save your changes and close the Preferences dialog.

Old launch configurations don't switch perspectives automatically

Because of the internal data structure changes, launch configurations created with an older version of the IDE won't automatically switch to the Debug perspective when used as a debug configuration.

To fix this problem:

1 Choose **Run→Debug...** to open the **Debug** configuration dialog.

2 Change any of the settings for this launch configuration, then click **Apply** to save the change.

3 Change the setting back to the way you had it before, then click **OK** to revert your change and close the dialog.

From 6.2.1 to 6.3.0

Migrating your workspace

☞ This conversion is a one-way process. Although your data files remain intact, you won't be able to use this workspace with earlier versions of the IDE.

1 Start the IDE pointing at your 6.2.1 workspace. You'll see a splash page ("Please wait — Completing the install"), followed by the Different Workspace Version dialog:

Different Workspace Version

⚠ This workspace was written with a different version of the product and needs to be updated. Workspace location: c:\ws\ws\621workspace

Updating the workspace may make it incompatible with other versions of the product. Press OK to update the workspace and open it. Press Cancel to exit with no changes.

OK | Cancel

2 Click **OK** to convert your workspace.

3 If a System Builder project exists in your workspace, the Migrate Project dialog is displayed:

Migrate Project?

? This is an old project and needs to be migrated. Proceed?

Yes | No

Click **Yes** to update your System Builder project, or **No** to leave it in the 6.2.1 format. You won't be able to use the project with the 6.3 IDE unless you update it.

4 Next the Workbench Layout dialog tells you that the layout of some of the views and editors can't be restored:

Problems

❌ Could not restore workbench layout.

Reason:
Problems occurred restoring workbench.

OK | Details >>

This is to be expected, because we upgraded the minor version of installed components, so there may be some UI adjustments. Click **OK**.

Now you're ready to migrate your existing projects to 6.3.0.

Migrating your projects

If the 6.3.0 IDE detects any 6.2.1 Standard Make C/C++ projects at startup, you'll be prompted to convert these projects to the new format:

You must run this conversion process over *each 6.2.1 project* so it can take full advantage of the new features of the C/C++ Development Tools.

☞ QNX C/C++ projects are *automatically* converted to the new project format.

Running the conversion wizard

At startup, the conversion wizard automatically checks for projects to convert. Note that you can convert older projects that were never in the workspace (e.g. projects you've brought in via a revision control system).

You can access the Make Project Migration wizard at any time:

➤ Open **Window→Customize Perspective...→Other→Update Make Projects**.

The IDE then adds an icon (**Update Old Make Project**) to the toolbar so you can launch the conversion wizard. The icon is activated whenever you select projects that are candidates for conversion.

The conversion wizard looks like this:

From 6.2.0 to 6.3.0

1 Start the IDE pointing at your 6.2.0 workspace. You'll see a splash page ("Please wait — Completing the install"), followed by the Different Workspace Version dialog:

2 Click **OK** to convert your workspace.

3 Next the Cannot Preserve Layout dialog tells you that the saved interface layout can't be preserved:

This is to be expected, because we upgraded the major, incompatible versions of installed components and of the workspace itself. Click **OK**.

Now you're ready to migrate your existing projects to 6.3.0.

Migrating your projects

The format of 6.2.0 C/C++ projects (including QNX projects) is incompatible with the 6.3.0 format — you must follow these steps to convert your old projects:

1 The initial projects appear in the workspace as non-C/C++ projects. First you must convert each project based on the type of project it was originally stored as:

- Standard C/C++ projects (which are based on an external build configuration such as a **Makefile**)

- QNX C/C++ projects (which are based specifically on the QNX multiplatform **Makefile** macros).

Use the appropriate conversion wizard:

For this type of project:	Open this wizard:
Standard C/C++	**File→New→Other…→C→Convert to a C/C++ Make Project**
QNX C/C++	**File→New→Other…→QNX→Migrate QNX 6.2.0 Projects**

2 Go through this conversion process for *each 6.2.0 project* so it can take full advantage of the new features of the C/C++ Development Tools. You must also do this for any projects that are stored outside your workspace (e.g. in a revision control system).

☞ Many project options have changed from QNX 6.2.0 to QNX 6.3.0. Although the conversion process attempts to maintain configuration options, you should verify your individual project files to make sure any new settings have been initialized to the values you want.

Glossary

console

Name for a general view that displays output from a running program. Some perspectives have their own consoles (e.g. C-Build Console, Builder Console).

drop cursors

When you move a "floating" view over the workspace, the normal pointer changes into a different image to indicate where you can dock the view.

Eclipse

Name of a tools project and platform developed by an open consortium of vendors (Eclipse.org), including QNX Software Systems.

The QNX Developer Tools Suite consists of a set of special plugins integrated into the standard Eclipse framework.

editors

Visual components within the **workbench** that let you edit or browse a resource such as a file.

navigator

One of the main **views** in the **workbench**, the Navigator shows you a hierarchical view of your available **resources**.

outline

A view that shows a hierarchy of items, as the functions and header files used in a C-language source file.

perspectives

Visual "containers" that define which views and editors appear in the workspace.

plugins

In the context of the Eclipse Project, plugins are individual tools that seamlessly integrate into the Eclipse framework. QNX Software Systems and other vendors provide such plugins as part of their IDE offerings.

profiler

A QNX perspective that lets you gather sample "snapshots" of a running process in order to examine areas where its performance can be improved. This perspective includes a Profiler view to see the processes selected for profiling.

project

A collection of related resources (i.e. folders and files) for managing your work.

resources

In the context of the workbench, resources are the various projects, folders, and files that you work with.

In the context of the QNX System Information Perspective, resources are the memory, CPU, and other system components available for a running process to use.

script

A special section within a QNX buildfile containing the command lines to be executed by the OS image being generated.

stream

Eclipse term for the head branch in a CVS repository.

target

Has two meanings:

As a *software* term, refers to the file that the `make` command examines and updates during a build process. Sometimes called a "make target."

As a *hardware* term, refers to the Neutrino-based PC or embedded system that's connected to the host PC during cross-development.

tasks

A view showing the resources or the specific lines within a file that you've marked for later attention.

UI

User interface.

views

Alternate ways of presenting the information in your workbench. For example, in the QNX System Information **perspective**, you have several views available: Memory Information, Malloc Information, etc.

workbench

The Eclipse UI consisting of **perspectives**, **views**, and **editors** for working with your **resources**.

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